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DeKalb County 4-H Flashes

DeKalb County Day at the State Fair:

Conference judging will be held at the Illinois State Fair. All of the judging for DeKalb County will be held on Friday, August 11. Members must drop off their projects any time from 8:00 to 9:30a.m. Judging is scheduled throughout the day. Projects must remain on display until 3:30 p.m. All Projects must be removed no later than 4:30 daily. Families should plan to pay for parking when they arrive. You are able to choose where you want to park (either at any of the private/non-profit sponsored lots to the right of the fairgrounds road or in public lots on the state fairgrounds). Families can purchase discounted entry tickets in advance at the Extension office. As always, livestock exhibitors must purchase their passes when they make their livestock exhibit entries.



4-H General Project Show
July 13- DeKalb County Farm
Bureau Center for Agriculture

DeKalb County 4-H
Livestock Fair
August 4, 5 & 6 - Sandwich
Fairgrounds



Members Showing Market Animals: Have you completed YQCA online?

In order to be eligible to exhibit and sell your market beef, goat, sheep or swine project at the 4-H fair and livestock auction, all youth must be certified for the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). If you are not currently certified please complete the online training at: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> The online program cost is \$12. Be sure to keep a copy of the certificate for your records. Certification must be completed by June 12, 2023 which is when fair entries are due. If you have any questions please call the Extension Office.



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4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES FOR 2023

Just a reminder that all 4-H members wishing to participate in the auction must meet the following requirements:

1. Attend at least 6 of their 4-H club's meetings.
2. Do a presentation/demonstration at a club meeting.
3. Develop project goals and discuss it with their 4-H club leader.

The auction committee will be working with 4-H club leaders to make sure that these requirements have been fulfilled prior to the 4-H member's participation in the auction.

Once again this year the auction form is due to the Extension office on Monday, June 12 the same day as 4-H Show and Fair entries. Youth will need to meet all three of these requirements by this time in order to participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction.

4-H Foundation Pork Chop Drive Thru Dinner

Wednesday, June 28
4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

DeKalb County Farm Bureau's
parking lot
\$15/meal

Tickets must be purchased by
June 20

Dinner includes: 2 pork chops, pasta
salad, baked beans, applesauce, and a
dinner roll.

Tickets are available at the Extension
office. All orders must be pre-paid.
We will also need volunteers to help
serve the meal starting at 4:00. Please
sign up to help on signup genius.



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Project Conference Judging:

A Message to the 4-H Member:

Judging is a learning experience. From which, you can learn what you did well and how you could improve in the future. An exhibit does not measure all that you have learned, but it is an example of what you have done.

1. During conference judging, the judge will encourage you to talk about your project exhibit.
2. You will be asked some questions about your exhibit, so you should be prepared to tell what you were trying to do in your project (goals and objectives) and be able to describe the methods and processes used to produce the exhibit.
3. Read and follow the rules and requirements for your project carefully.
4. Learn good sportsmanship.
5. Listen carefully to the judge so that you can accept constructive criticism, and learn from it.
6. Remember, judging comments can be helpful, but they are only one person's evaluation.
7. Realize that people sometimes make mistakes.



4-H Fairbook Online!

Find the fairbook along with the auction form

<https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-dekalb-county>

All entries need to be done online ... If you have trouble finding the fair book on our website, completing entries or do not have access to the internet give the Extension office or your 4-H leader a call.



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Required Livestock Auction Meeting:

Youth planning to sell animals in the 4-H Livestock Auction at the 4-H Fair will be required to attend a **4-H Livestock Auction meeting** on Monday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farm Bureau Building theater. "Auction Participation Forms" may be turned in on that evening, or before. These forms must be signed by the youth's 4-H club leader prior to being turned into the Extension office. It is not the responsibility of the Extension office or the Auction Committee to get the appropriate 4-H Club Leader's signature.

4-H Federation Meeting:

The next 4-H Federation meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farm Bureau Building. All 4-H'ers who are in at least 8th grade are welcome to attend these meetings and to get involved in planning county events and activities. This is the perfect opportunity to meet and network with fellow 4-Hers.

What if I can't attend the project show?

We know summer schedules can sometimes be quite difficult and just because a 4-H'er can't make it to the General Project Show in person doesn't mean they can't exhibit their 4-H project.

Certainly we do hope that 4-H'ers will make every effort to attend, as they benefit the most from the experience if they are there in person. 4-H members unable to attend the 4-H General Project Show in person, but would still like to have their exhibit judged should follow the guidelines listed below:

4-H members unable to attend should make arrangements to have another 4-H member, a parent, or 4-H leader bring their exhibit to the conference judging.

A written report, answering the questions listed under number 5 on page 8, should accompany the exhibit.

4-H members failing to include a written report may receive a lower ribbon rating.

Also 4-H members not attending in person do decrease their chances of being selected for special awards or for State Fair participation.

Anyone having additional questions pertaining to the 4-H General Project Show should feel free to call the Extension office at 758-8194.

4-H'ers Build Self-Esteem by Doing Their Own Work:

As 4-H'ers plan and prepare their exhibits for the 4-H Show we would like to encourage parents to remember to allow the members to do their own work. While it is okay for mom and dad to give a few suggestions, or maybe a little help, it is more important to allow the 4-H'er to do the work. The 4-H Project Show is a time for our judges to see the work of the 4-H members, not their parents. Our judges want to know what the 4-H'ers have learned and how they completed the projects, not what they watched as their parents completed the tasks. Please remember that 4-H is for the youth, and your 4-H member will only grow from the experience if they do their own work. While the 4-H program is a family organization, this is one of those times where the family is asked to participate by showing only their support for the work completed.



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4-H Fair Food Stand:

Here is the 2023 Shift Schedule:

Friday, August 4

- 2:00-4:30 pm- Kingston Jr's
- 4:15-6:45 pm- Shabbona Pioneers
- 6:30-9:30 pm- Sandwich 4 Leafers

Saturday, August 5

- 6:30-9:00 am- Somonauk Haymakers
- 8:45-11:15 am- DeKalb Choreboys and Choregirls
- 11:00 am -1:45 pm- Malta Mustangs
- 1:30-4:00 pm- Parke Victory
- 3:45-6:15 pm- Hinckley Harvesters
- 6:00-8:30 pm- TBD
- 8:30-10:30 pm Cleanup- Mano a Mano

Sunday, August 6

- 8:30-11:30 am- TBD
- 11:30 am-2:30 pm- Cleanup- TBD

Attention:

Visual Arts and Horticulture Exhibitors

Visual Arts Exhibitors:

Drawing and paintings must be matted and framed, preferably under glass. (Oil and acrylic paintings do not require glass and are not required to be matted.) Water color, chalk, pen & ink, etc. do require glass, acrylic or some protective covering.

Horticulture Exhibitors:

As you prepare your vegetables to exhibit please stop by the Extension office for a copy of "Exhibiting Vegetables". This is a reference guide that explains how to prepare your vegetables for exhibit. It also gives desirable characteristics of vegetables and how to best transport your vegetable.

NEW to the Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction

4-H'ers exhibiting only breeding stock animals in beef, goats, and sheep are eligible to sell in the auction. These animals can only be in one of the following classes: Beef - yearling classes 3, 4, 7, 8 &; Dairy Goat classes 100 & 101; Meat Goat classes 107 & 108; Sheep classes 85, 86, 90 & 91. These animals can only be sold one time in their 4-H experience.

Pen & Stall Sponsors NEEDED:

4-H clubs with animal exhibitors are asked to please make note that pen and stall assignments for beef, sheep, swine and goats will be made by the Fair Superintendents at the 4-H Fair. Cooperation from the clubs and its members would be greatly appreciated in helping to make things run smoothly.

Just a reminder to 4-H clubs with swine, beef, dairy, sheep, goats exhibitors not to forget about the Pen & Stall awards. The top three 4-H clubs will be selected for having neat & clean pen and stall areas within the livestock barns. The plan is to award monetary prizes.

However in order to do this we will need additional sponsors. Currently we only have a sponsor for the beef barn which is Fleming Feeds and dairy barn which is the Kishwaukee Dairy Heard Association. Additional sponsors are needed for the Goat, Sheep and Swine barns. It cost \$100 to sponsor a barn. Please let Nicole know ASAP if you or any business you know is interested in being a sponsor.





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LIVESTOCK RULES

All animals exhibited at the 4-H Fair must be owned by the 4-H member. Professional fitters will not be allowed to assist in the 4-H Fair. 4-H'ers may be assisted by a family member (mother, father, brother, sister, grandparents, or legal guardians) or by another 4-H'er from DeKalb County.

TAX IMPLICATIONS

Tax Implications for Prizes, Gifts, or Awards Program Participants (including minors) will be required to provide their social security number or foreign national tax ID number prior to receiving a prize, gift, or award to ensure proper IRS reporting as required by law. This sensitive information is kept confidential and handled through security protected software (PEAR). Participants will not be eligible for prize, gift, or award if social security or foreign national tax ID information is not provided.

JUDGING - RATING & PREMIUMS

- A. 4-H General Projects are evaluated on an individual basis through conferences between the 4-H'er and the judge. 4-H livestock exhibits are evaluated on an individual basis within their classes. All 4-H exhibits receive a blue, red, or white rating.
- B. 4-H exhibitors will receive their 4-H premium checks if/when money is received from the state for this purpose. 4-H premiums will be paid using an x-factor. Checks will be mailed to exhibitors.
- C. Grievances/Protests - The 4-H Grievance Committee shall consist of the 4-H Fair Superintendent and 4-H Extension staff. Judging concerns/questions should go to the appropriate department superintendent first. If the concern cannot be resolved, then the department superintendent may refer the concern to the Grievance Committee. All grievances must be filed in writing. Grievances should be submitted to an Extension staff member. Complaints must be brought before the Grievance Committee within 24 hours of the incident.





4-H General Project Show Schedule

Location: Farm Bureau Building - 1350 West Prairie Drive, Sycamore

Thursday, July 13, 2023

- **Conference Judging of Exhibits** 8:00 a.m. - Noon
 - Visual Arts Projects including chalk/carbon/pigment, paper, computer generated art, miscellaneous, fiber, glass, plastic, heritage arts, clay, scrapbooking, nature, metal, woods, leather, 3-dimensional & food/cake decorating, animal science, vet science, entomology, beekeeping, interior design, child development, family heritage, consumer ed, computers, robotics, drones, aerospace, esports, maker, woodworking, electricity, small engines, bicycles, tractors, welding & shooting sports.

- **Conference Judging of Exhibits** 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 - Food & nutrition projects including cooking 101, cooking 201, cooking 301, cooking 401, food preservation, health, food science & sports nutrition, vegetable gardening, floriculture, plants & soils, crops, clothing, civic engagement, passport to the world, leadership, communications, collectibles, welcome to 4-H, theatre arts, college & career readiness, photography, filmmaking, natural resources, geology, forestry & weather

Friday, July 14, 2023

- **Projects on Display & Open to the Public**..... 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, July 17, 2023

- **Release of 4-H Project Exhibits** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



4-H Livestock Fair Schedule

Location: Sandwich Fairgrounds, Sandwich IL

Friday, August, 4

- Swine Check-In 8-11:00 p.m.
- Swine Weigh-In..... 12:00 p.m.
- Sheep & Goat Check In..... 12:30-3:00 p.m.
- Beef Check-In & Weigh-Ins 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Sheep Show – Sheep Barn 5:00 p.m.
- Goat Show – Sheep Barn 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August, 5

- Swine Show - Main Show Arena 8:00 a.m.
- Dairy Animals Check-in 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
- Rabbit Check-in – Rabbit Barn 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.
- Rabbit Show - Rabbit Barn 10:00 a.m.
- Beef Cattle Show - Beef Arena 12:00 p.m.
- Bucket Calf Show – Beef Arena12:00 p.m.
- Poultry Check-in 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- Poultry Show – Swine Arena 3:30 p.m.
- Dairy Cattle Show – Grass Area 4:00 p.m.
- Adult Showmanship Fundraiser – Swine Arena 5:30 p.m.
- Sheep & Goat Lead; Costume Contest – Sheep Barn 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 6

- Showmanship Sweepstakes – Swine Arena 10:00 a.m.
- Catered Lunch - Auction Committee 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction - Beef Arena 1:00 p.m.
- Release of Livestock Exhibits At the completion of the auction



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4-H Animal Welfare

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our practice of ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our commitment to safe food production practices. While showing livestock, we are under the watchful eye of the public. Many people attending a local fair may have no idea how livestock is raised. Practicing these guidelines may prevent public misconceptions about livestock production.

1. Provide fresh, clean water to animals at all times. Feed animals on schedule.
 2. Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
 3. Take extra care on days of extreme weather or activity.
 4. Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
 5. Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age long before the fair.
 6. Arrange for veterinary care in case of an animal emergency.
 7. Handle animals in a very humane way.
 8. Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and feed additive withdrawal times.
 9. Avoid stressing the animal.
 10. Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
 11. Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and never forcefully hit an animal.
 12. Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations.
 13. Have a plan of action should a problem arise, and know which fair official or 4-H leader to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
 14. Some words, such as “slaughter” or “killed,” may cause a negative reaction from people unfamiliar with food production. IF ASKED what happens to your market animal after the fair, consider using words such as “harvested” or “sold to packing company.”
 15. If questioned or challenged by a stranger or group: a. Remain calm, be polite, and answer any question the best you can. If you do not know an answer, tell them you will find an adult to explain more. b. Do not argue or confront an individual or group who may have a different view about livestock production. Individuals may try to initiate a confrontation and use video of the incident on social media. If confronted, walk away, find an adult in authority, or call 911 if you feel threatened. c. It is natural to think that giving people information will change their minds, but in some extreme cases, people may not want to learn; they want to confront to gain media attention. It is best to walk away without engaging in these situations.
- Following these recommendations will reflect a positive image of our livestock industry and the 4-H program, as well as demonstrate the solid animal stewardship practices that are our 4-H tradition.

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4-H Fair Swine Rules

Listed below please read the rules and guidelines established for swine exhibits during this 4-H year. Each exhibitor/individual has to nominate their pigs by June 1 of the present year. Nomination forms listing each hogs notches and diagrams or photos must be in the Extension office by June 1. If photos are used include two pictures, one of each side of the pig. For check-in purposes photos are preferred.

Each exhibitor/individual can nominate up to 15 pigs by ear notches. (No eartags will be accepted for nominations.)

No exhibitor can show a pig at the 4-H Fair that is not listed on their nomination form.

Pigs owned within an immediate family may be cross nominated. In other words siblings within a family may use the same hogs on their nomination forms. This can only be done within an immediate family (i.e. sisters & brothers).

Any pigs that show evidence of fresh notches (i.e. scabs, small notches etc. will be disqualified).

Exhibitors cannot load out pigs until the 4-H Swine Superintendent releases them after the auction.

All pigs must be farrowed on or after January 1 of the current year.

Livestock Premises Identification Numbers are required for all swine at the DeKalb County Fair.

Nomination forms were mailed to 4-H members enrolled in swine.

4-H Auction Checks

This year the auction committee will be distributing the 4-H auction checks on Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farm Bureau auditorium. You MUST bring a stamped and addressed thank you card for your buyer in order to receive your check.

4-H Fair Camper Donations

Again this year the Sandwich Fairgrounds is asking for a donation from everyone that is spending the night at the fairgrounds and using electricity for their trailers. Please make a free will donation to the 4-H Fair Office at the Sandwich Fairgrounds, or to the Extension Office by Aug. 2.



Illinois State Fair Entries

The Illinois State Fair sponsors a junior livestock show which is open to 4-H and FFA members. Entry deadline is July 1 and your entries must be signed either by 4-H or FFA staff. 4-H is proud to support the Illinois State Fair in this event. All questions about the show should be directed to the Illinois State Fair. Learn more and download entry forms online @ <http://www.illinois.gov/statefair> and click on COMPETITIONS.



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4-H Annual Financial Report

Summertime activities and fair seasons are almost here. Is your 4-H club's secretary and treasurer's record books up-to-date? All 4-H clubs with a checking or savings account must complete both pages of the 4-H Club Annual Financial Statement form at the end of each 4-H year (Sept. 1 – Aug. 31). Submit this statement along with other required forms and officer books to the DeKalb County Extension office by September 8. The financial statement includes a report of income and expenses for the 4-H club checking account (page 1) and/or savings account (page 2). The club treasurer and club leader must sign on page 2 of this form to verify that the information is correct. Also on page 2, the Fiscal Review Committee (a group of 2 or 3 youth and adults who do not have signatory rights on the club's bank account(s)) must review the financial records of the 4-H club for the past year and sign to indicate that they have found everything in good order. Contact the Extension office if you need a copy of this financial statement. This is a required step from IRS. Your club can not be re-enrolled for the new 4-H year until this is received in the Extension office.

4-H Club Reports

As a club reporter it is important that you write a brief article about your club meeting and special events. Those reports can be sent to the local newspapers as well as the Extension office. To be included on this page drop off the article to the Extension Office or email it to Nicole at: groezing@illinois.edu. Share what you are doing at your 4-H club meetings with the community and other 4-H'ers!

4-H Record Books

Don't wait to the last minute to start filling out your record sheets. They can be found at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/dekalb4h/>
There are events, activities and project work completed that you can start recording right now. Record books need to be completed and turned into your leader to sign before the deadline so they can turn them into the Extension Office on September 8. If you have any questions on how to complete record books contact either your leader or the Extension office and we would be happy to answer any questions. There is also a supplemental record book help video that can be found on the Extension website.

4-H Awards

4-H awards can be found through the link below.
<https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-dekalb-county>



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4-H Summer Event Timeline

June:

- June 3 Cloverbud Summertime Fun Day @ Farm Bureau 9:30-1 PM
- June 6 Federation Meeting @ Farm Bureau 7 PM
- June 12 Entries/ YQCA Deadline
- June 12 Required Livestock Auction Meeting @ Farm Bureau 7 PM
- June 19 Extension Office Closed
- June 21 Fun Day at Russell Woods for 8-12 year olds 9-4 PM
- June 20 Pork Chop Dinner Ticket Deadline
- June 24 Multi-County Dog Show @ Granny Rose K-9 Center in Dixon 8 AM
- June 28 Foundation Drive Thru Porkchop Dinner @ Farm Bureau 4-6:30 PM

July:

- July 3 Federation Meeting @ Farm Bureau 7 PM
- July 4 Extension Office Closed
- July 8 Multi-County Horse Show @ Amber Sun Acres in Malta 8:30 AM
- July 13 General Project Show @ Farm Bureau
- July 14 Project Exhibit- Open To Public! @ Farm Bureau 8-4:30 PM
- July 17 Pick Up Projects @ Farm Bureau 8-4:30 PM
- July 26 Foundation Fundraiser @ Ollies

August:

- August 1 Federation Meeting @ Farm Bureau 7 PM
- August 4-6 Livestock Fair @ Sandwich Fairgrounds
- August 11 DeKalb County Day @ Illinois State Fair



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