



# Hamilton County Clover News

## General Projects Show

The date for the General Projects Show has been set for Monday, June 10 at the Big Red Barn. The day will start at 8:00 a.m. with project judging. Just as in the past the judging will be alphabetical by club.

- 8:00 Barbwire Gang
- 8:30 Funny Farmers
- 9:00 Pioneer Country Kids
- 9:30 Piopolis Busy Bees

The projects will be on display until 1 p.m. You will need to pick up your projects at 1:00 p.m. and have them to the floral hall at the fairgrounds between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. if you want to enter in the Hamilton County Fair Junior Show. The list of Junior Department Other Than Livestock is listed later in this newsletter and has been emailed to you.

## Federation Meeting Scheduled

The next Federation meeting will be held Thursday, June 6 following cooking class. This meeting will be to finalize activities and events during the fair. Please plan to join us!



## Hamilton County 4-H Exhibit Dates

**General Projects**— June 10 at 8:00 a.m. Big Red Barn

**Pork Chop Dinner**—June 10 4:00-7:00 p.m. Drive Thru Only at 4-H Food Stand at fairgrounds.

**Rabbits and Poultry Show**—June 13 9:00 a.m. 4-H Livestock Barn

**Dogs, Cats, Small Pets Show**—June 13 at 1:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Early Weigh-In** -June 13 4:00-6:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Farm Follies** -June 13 6:30 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Livestock Show** -June 14 8:00 a.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Hospitality Tent** -June 14 1:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Awards Presentation**—June 14 1:30 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**4-H Livestock Auction**—June 14 2:00 4-H Livestock Barn

**Tractor Rodeo**— July 6 11:00 a.m.

**Horse Show**—June 4 5:00 p.m.

## May/June 2024

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## Livestock Exhibit Dates Set

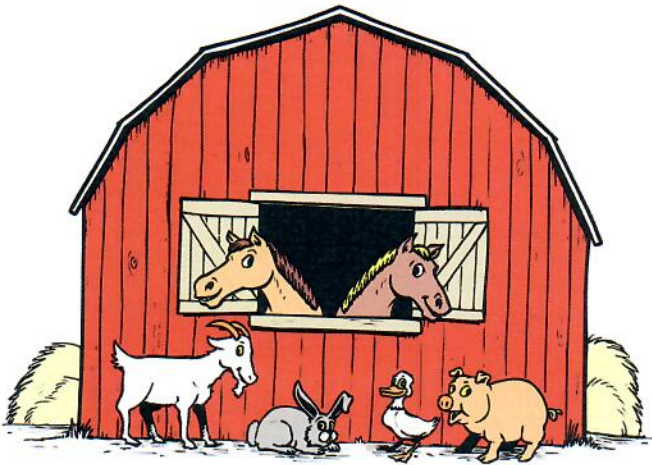
Mark your calendars for the 4-H Livestock exhibit dates. It will be earlier this year than it has been for the last several years. This year our exhibits will take place the same week as the Hamilton County Fair and youth may qualify to exhibit in the junior or open shows while at the fairgrounds. 4-H show dates will be Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14.

### June 13

Poultry and Rabbit show-9:00 a.m.  
Small Pets, Dog, Cat Show-1:00 p.m.  
Weigh-In-4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Farm Follies-6:30 p.m.

### June 14

Livestock Show-8:00 a.m.  
Hospitality Tent-1:00 p.m.  
Awards Presentation-1:30 p.m.  
4-H Livestock Auction 2:00 p.m



**Just a reminder that all 4-H members wanting to sell in the 4-H Livestock Auction must attend at least 6 meetings or events prior to the show day, (If you have not met your meeting requirement, you will need to attend garden or cooking classes until you get your six meetings completed.)**

This year 4-H members will be allowed to sell one or two animals, as long as they are different species.

- Remember to check your show book for specific regulations on health papers.
- Remember that you must also complete your YQCA and QAEC trainings prior to June 1 to be allowed to exhibit.

## Hamilton County Fair

This year the 4-H exhibits will be held the same week as the Hamilton County Fair. There will be several opportunities for the food stand to be open during fair events. Please plan to help several nights.



Fair schedule as of now, subject to change!

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Demo Derby          | Saturday, June 8    |
| Church Event        | Sunday, June 9      |
| 4-H Pork Chop       | Monday, June 10     |
| Carnival Begins     | Tuesday, June 11-14 |
| Arenacross Racing   | Tuesday, June 11    |
| Greased Pig Contest | Wednesday, June 12  |
| ITPA Tractor Pull   | Thursday, June 13   |
| Whipperwill Rodeo   | Friday, June 14     |
| Mud Bog             | Saturday, June 15   |

The food stand will be open daily from about 3:00 p.m to end of each nights grandstand event.

Please make time to help out in the food stand.

## YQCA Training

Unit 24 offered several trainings but if you did not attend you must complete the training virtually. These must be completed prior to June 1 or you will not be allowed to exhibit.



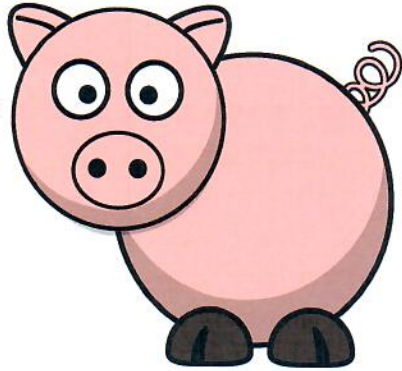
## Horse Event Dates

The Hamilton County 4-H members who wish to exhibit horses will do so at the Unit 24 Horse Show on June 4 at Gallatin County fairgrounds in Ridgway. Show begins at 5:00 p.m. Contact the office if you plan to exhibit!



## **Pork Chop Dinner Foundation Fundraiser**

The annual 4-H Foundation Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser will look a little different this year. It will be a drive thru only at the 4-H Food Stand at the fairgrounds. It will be held Monday, June 10 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.



Sweet Evalina will once again be cooking the pork chops, so they will be terrific as always. Each member is asked to sell at least 5 tickets. Tickets are printed and ready to pick up in the Extension office.

Dinner ticket prices are \$12 in advance, \$13 at the door. So if you sell 5 tickets you will turn in \$60. Extra tickets are available so you can sell as many as possible. When selling, be sure to sign your name on the front of the ticket. Please report to the office how many tickets you have sold by 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 6. You can continue selling—we just need an estimated total to be sure we have enough supplies. All money and/or unsold tickets should be turned in no later than noon on Monday, June 10.

As always each club is asked to donate desserts for this event. They can be dropped off at the 4-H Food stand by 3:00 p.m. on June 10.

This is the biggest annual fundraiser for Hamilton County 4-H Foundation—please help us make it a success so they can continue to support Hamilton County 4-H!

## **Pick up your Pork Chop Dinner Tickets Today!**

The top 3 sellers will be recognized at Achievement Night as follows:

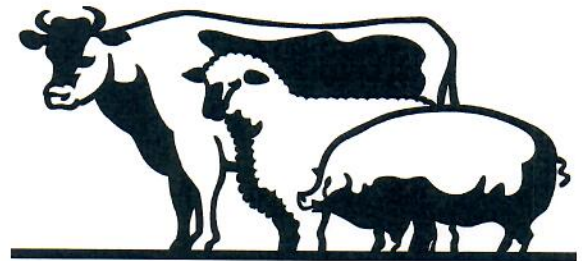
- 1st Place     \$25
- 2nd Place     \$15
- 3rd Place     \$10

Come in and pick up today and get to selling!



## **Farm Follies Fun Awaits**

Mark your calendar for an evening of fun and games! Thursday, June 13 Farm Follies will take place in the 4-H Livestock Barn at 6:30 p.m. Join the fun as we play various ag related games including wheelbarrow races, scoop shovel races, egg toss, feed sack races, three legged race, musical feed sacks, dice game, tug of war and watermelon eating contest. This is great fun for participants and even more fun for spectators. All 4-H members are invited and can bring friends if you choose. Let us know if you can provide a wheel barrow, scoop shovel, rope, some eggs and feed sacks. Top three awards will be given in each category.



## **Fair Registration Forms Due**

Fair registration forms were emailed to each 4-H member on Monday, May 6.

Forms for the General Projects Show must be returned by May 30. Exhibit tags will be ready for pick up beginning June 4—if all forms are returned on time.

Forms for all Animal Shows may be turned in at the same time by May 30.

Please check your 2024 Show Book to be sure your exhibit follows the guidelines for that project.

If you have not cashed your 2023 State Fair 4-H premium check please do so as soon as possible!!! We will not reissue!!!



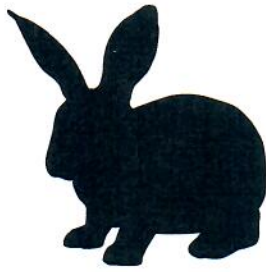
## Rabbit and Poultry Show Planned



The Rabbit and Poultry Show will be held on June 13 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the 4-H Livestock Barn. Please make sure to arrive on time, check in and be ready to show by 9:00 a.m. Remember to check the 2024 show book for rules

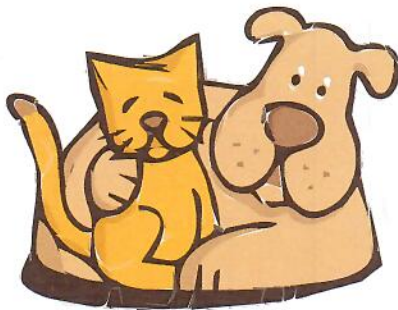
and regulations.

If you would like to donate your eggs from the egg class to the Farm Follies that would be greatly appreciated.



## Dogs, Cats and Small Pets Show Scheduled

Dogs, Cats and Small Pets will all be shown on Thursday, June 13 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the 4-H Livestock Barn. Please make sure to arrive on time, check in and be ready to show by 1:00 p.m. Remember to check the 2024 show book for rules and regulations. This includes the required vet papers.



## Fairground Clean -Up Scheduled

All 4-H members are asked to help clean-up the fairgrounds on Monday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m. Please bring brooms, rakes, shovels, and cleaning supplies. We will be cleaning the 4-H Livestock Barn and the food stand. All help is greatly appreciated.

We will also be building the handrail on the stairs at the announcer stand and fixing some broken gates and hinges.



## Food Stand at Tractor Show

Hamilton County 4-H will once again provide the food stand at the Ageless Iron Tractor Show on July 6. We will be selling all our favorites at the stand through out the day. Any and all help would be appreciated.



## Farm Credit Grants Winners

If your club received one of the Farm Credit Community Improvement Grants earlier this spring, plan to get a picture on June 14. Farm Credit will be at our Livestock Show to provide the meal for the Hospitality Tent. They have asked that each club be represented to get a group picture with a Farm Credit representative. We will plan to get these photos at 12:45 just prior to the opening of the Hospitality Tent.



## Garden Season is Here

Once again this year we will be offering weekly gardening classes at the GIFT Garden and cooking classes in the courthouse basement. On Tuesdays we will be at the garden and Thursdays we will be in the courthouse basement. Remember if you are already a 4-H member you can come to these classes with no additional fees.

We are in need of Teen Teachers or youth willing to help with classes. If you are 14 or older you can be certified as a Teen Teacher.

Assisting with these classes looks great on a resume or scholarship application, not to mention the experience you will gain. Join Today!



## Work Day Planned at Kids Kingdom

The Women's Leadership Council of Hamilton County has partnered with the City of McLeansboro and the Kiwanis to set up a work day at our beloved Kids Kingdom. The work day is May 31, 2024 starting at 8:00 a.m. A light lunch and drinks will be provided.

This group has asked that 4-H help with this great cause. They need help with helping them clean, paint, and repair Kids Kingdom.

If you can help with this project please contact the office so I can let them know how many we will have helping! This will count as a county wide activity.



**If you have not picked up your premium check from last year please do so as soon as possible. They will not be reissued if you do not get it cashed or deposited within 60 days! No exceptions!**

A poster for the Southern Region 4-H Showcase at DuQuoin State Fair. It features a large blue ribbon graphic on the left with the 4-H clover logo. On the right, there is a circular map of Illinois with the Southern region highlighted in orange. The text reads: 'Southern Region 4-H Showcase at DuQuoin State Fair', 'General Projects Show Saturday, Aug 17 (Maximum of 3 entries per participant)', 'Livestock Shows. (Maximum of 1 livestock animal per class.)', 'Friday, Aug 23 Goat and Sheep Shows, Swine Weigh-in', and 'Saturday, Aug 24 Beef, Dairy, and Swine Shows'.

## JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OTHER THAN LIVESTOCK

Total Premiums Offered: \$1056.00

Entry Fee: \$2.00 Deducted from money winners only      Shelf Fee: \$1.00 Deducted from money winners only

Premiums are as follows:    First - \$7.00      Second - \$6.00      Third - \$5.00      Fourth - \$4.00

1. Junior Show is open to boys and girls who are age eligible to participate in Hamilton Co. 4-H/FFA activities or who are residents of Hamilton County.
2. Each Junior is allowed only one entry in each class.
3. Junior Exhibitors are eligible to exhibit in the open show, but must have a separate entry.
4. Vegetable must be displayed on plates or as part of a vegetable market basket.
5. Baked products must be enclosed in plastic bags.
6. Flowers must be displayed in containers such as glass jars, bottles or vases.

### Lot One.....Gardening PREMIUM NUMBERS

#### L-1

- 901 3 Tomatoes or Onions
- 902 1 Head Cabbage, Lettuce, Cauliflower, Broccoli or Cabbage
- 903 3 Peppers
- 904 3 Cucumbers
- 905 3 Potatoes, Beets, Radishes, Carrots or Turnips
- 906 3 Any type squash
- 907 10 Green Beans or Peas
- 908 3 Ears Sweet Corn
- 909 Bouquet of any Flowers
- 910 Any Other Produce

### Lot Two.....Fine Arts & Crafts/Youth Special Interest PREMIUM NUMBERS

#### L-2

- 911 Any Painting
- 912 Any Drawing
- 913 Any Item Made of Paper, Fiber, Glass or Plastic
- 914 Any Item Made of Wood, Metal, Clay or Leather
- 915 Any Nature Item-Entomology, Geology, Forestry  
Natural Resources
- 916 Any Sewn or Constructed Item
- 917 Any Item Constructed of Wood
- 918 Any Item Intended for Interior Decorating
- 919 Science & Technology -- Aerospace, Computers,  
Geospatial or Robotics
- 920 Community Development -- Citizenship,  
Communications, Leadership, Consumer Science
- 921 Personal Development -- Health, Childcare or  
Theater Arts
- 922 Mechanics -- Small Engines, Tractor, Bicycle  
Welding, Electricity
- 923 Scrapbooking
- 924 Animal Science Display
- 925 Global Awareness - Intercultural or  
Intergenerational
- 926 Any Heritage Arts Project
- 927 Any Decorated Cake Project
- 928 Miscellaneous

### Lot Three.....Junior Agriculture PREMIUM NUMBERS

#### L-3

- 930 Corn- Exhibit 2 Fresh Corn Plants
- 931 Soybeans -- Exhibit 5 Fresh Soybean Plants
- 932 Small Grain -- Exhibit 1 Gallon of Any Grain
- 933 Hay -- Exhibit 1 Flake of Any Hay
- 934 Exhibit Any Plant or Plant & Soil Science  
Project

### Lot Four.....Baking and Canning PREMIUM NUMBERS

#### L-4

- 941 1 Loaf Bread
- 942 3 Rolls or 3 Muffins
- 943 1 Pi Shell or Pastry
- 944 1 Cake
- 945 3 Cookies
- 946 3 Bar Cookies or 3 Pieces of Fudge
- 947 3 Brownies or 3 Cereal Bars
- 948 1 Canned Fruit Item
- 949 1 Canned Vegetable Item
- 950 Any Nutrition Display

### Lot Five.....Photography PREMIUM NUMBERS

#### L-5

- 951 Person(s) -- Exhibit 1 Photo
- 952 Animal(s) -- Exhibit 1 Photo
- 953 Landscape -- Exhibit 1 Photo
- 954 Any Misc. Photo - Exhibit 1 Photo
- 955 Group of Photos



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Farm Follies—June 13 at 6:30 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

Livestock Show June 14—at 8:00 a.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

Farm Credit Pictures June 14 at 12:45 p.m.

Hospitality Tent—June 14 at 1:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

Awards Presentation—June 14 at 1:30 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

Livestock Auction—June 14 at 2:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

## State 4-H Events

### June 2024

June 2-6: 4-H Memorial Camp Session 1

June 9-13: 4-H Memorial Camp Session 2

June 16-20: 4-H Memorial Camp Session 3

June 30-July 4: 4-H Memorial Camp Session 4

June 23-27: Illini Summer Academies, Champaign-Urbana

### July 2024

July 2024: True Leaders in Equity, Bethesda, MD

July 2024: Digital Agriculture Training Course

July 27: Shooting Sports Leader Certification training,

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### August 2024

August 3-7: 4-H Memorial Camp Session 5

August 9-11: State Fair, Springfield

Fall 2024: Plant Science Summit, Champaign



## National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress will be held November 29- December 3, 2024 in Atlanta, Georgia. National 4-H Congress is a world-class event that is diverse, authentic, and challenge-oriented. The workshops will be laser-focused on the 4-H mission, the service-learning experiences promise to be hands-on, the speakers will be engaging and entertaining, and there will be plenty of opportunities for networking and recreational activities. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Illinois 4-H is asking for your help in identifying 4-H teens, ages 14-18 (as of January 1, 2024) to apply for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

How do teens become a part of the Illinois 4-H Delegation:

Complete the National Congress Application by August 1, 2024.

We have spots for TEN Illinois 4-H teens to participate. National Congress Application will be used to select the ten Illinois teens. The Illinois 4-H Foundation has secured scholarship funds for the 10 selected delegates.

Cost – The total cost this year is \$2,000 per participant. Selected youth will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to the event provided by Illinois 4-H. They are responsible for the remaining \$500 balance which must be paid by September 1. Once selected and approved in ZSuite for this event they will be able to log in to pay the balance. Staff will receive the list of selected applicants, if your county wishes to pay their deposit we can coordinate it at that time.

Program Content – To learn more about National 4-H Congress visit <http://national4-hcongress.com/> or check them out on social media. There is a delegate handbook that will contain details of the event and an example schedule (note- not updated for 2024 yet).



**NATIONAL 4-H**  
**2024 CONGRESS**

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## Upcoming Dates

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| May 30         | GIFT Garden sign up  |
| May 31         | Kids Kingdom Clean-Up 8:00 a.m.  |
| June 2-6       | 4-H Memorial Camp Session 1  |
| June 3         | Fair Clean-up 9:00 a.m.  |
| June 4         | Gardening Class  |
| June 5         | Farmers Market   |
| June 6         | Cooking Class  |
| June 8         | Food Stand at Demo Derby   |
| June 9         | Family Fun Night at Fair   |
| June 10        | General Projects Show 8:00 a.m. Big Red Barn                                     |
| June 10        | 4-H Pork Chop Dinner 4:00-7:00 p.m. 4-H Food Stand                               |
| June 9-13      | 4-H Memorial Camp Session 2  |
| June 11        | Gardening Class  |
| June 11        | Food Stand at Arenacross Races   |
| June 12        | Farmers Market   |
| June 12        | Food Stand at Greased Pig Contest  |
| June 13        | Cooking Class  |
| June 13        | Rabbit & Poultry Show 9:00 a.m.  |
| June 13        | Junior Show Rabbit and Poultry Show  |
| June 13        | Cats, Dogs Small Pets Show   |
| June 13        | Early Weigh-in, Farm Follies 4:00-8:30   |
| June 13        | Food Stand at ITPA Tractor Pull  |
| July 14        | Livestock Show, Hospitality, Awards,<br>Livestock Auction, Junior Livestock Show |
| June 14        | Food Stand at Whipperwill Rodeo  |
| June 16-20     | 4-H Memorial Camp Session 3  |
| June 23-27     | Illini Summer Academies, Champaign-Urbana  |
| June 30-July 4 | 4-H Memorial Camp Session 4  |
| August 11      | Hamilton County Day at Illinois State Fair                                       |

## 4-H is Online 24/7

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global>



**Reminder!** This year we will again be enforcing the 6 meetings rule. You must attend at least 6 club meetings or 3 club meetings and 3 other county activities in order to be able to show and sell at the auction. We will be collecting secretary books on June 1 to make sure everyone has met their quota! Don't wait until this summer it will be too late!

**Youth Sponsors:** Consolidated Grain and Barge, Wabash Valley Service Company, Dahlgren Building Center, Farm Credit Services, Honeysuckle Vine Events, McNeil Consulting, David & Susan Johnson, Town & Country Veterinary Clinic, Twilight HCE Unit, Dahlgren HCE Unit, Happy Neighbors HCE Unit, Hamilton County Home & Community Education, Wuebbels Repair, LLC, Trudee Wynn Country Financial, Larry Pauketat, Lisa Cross Financial Advisor, Food Park, Wilson's Computers, Corteva, York Pharmacy, Dick and Lucille Auten, Christopher Johnson, Bunge SCF, Hamilton County Rotary, Hamilton Memorial Hospital District, McLeansboro Kiwanis, Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Roger Swartz, Banterra Bank and Insurance, Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op, Miller's Welding, Peoples National Bank, Posey County Co-Op, Southern FS, Legend Ag/Stone Seed Group, KA Rich Inc., Hamilton County Telephone Foundation, City of McLeansboro, Katrina Roberson, EA, Monsanto, Hall's Sawmill, Maschhoffs, McLeansboro Elks, Mike Harre/The Big Red Barn, SECLR Farms, SN Partners, Fairfield National Bank, H & R Agri Power, Miller Seed Solutions, Woodrow Farms, Aydtt Farms, Waier Farms.