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# Edwards County 4-H Happenings!



September 2023

## Calendar of 4-H Events

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participate in this program please  
contact the Edwards County Extension  
office at 618-445-2934. Early requests  
are strongly encouraged to allow  
sufficient time for meeting your access  
needs.

### September

- 1 **New Year Start for 4-H ZSuite will open in October to enroll!**
- 12 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Christian Church
- 19 Blue Ribbon Mtg. 6:00 p.m. COUNTRY Financial Hall
- 20 Yankees Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Moravian Church
- 22 **Records/Award Applications due at Extension Office**
- 23 Shooting Sports 8:00 a.m. Sportsmen's Club
- 27 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at LPCC  
Little Wabash Ramblers to TBA

### October

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 16 **Achievement Night, 7:00 p.m. COUNTRY Financial Hall**
- 28 Shooting Sports training for club leader @ Fairfield Gun Club

### November

- 1 Deadline for Illinois 4-H Scholarship
- 4-5 Junior Leadership Conference register on ZSuite starting Sept. 8

## National 4-H Week – October 1-7, 2023

Theme: I ♥ 4-H

National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. We are lifting up youth voices and helping kids get equal access to the resources they need to thrive. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 1– 7. Encourage your clubs to show their 4-H pride and wear a clover! Use the hashtag #National4HWeek as you share your 4-H activities on social media. We will be sharing more information in the coming weeks.

**I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING**



# Edwards County 4-H



## Award Forms

All forms for County Awards can be found on the Extension Website:  
<http://extension.illinois.edu/elrww> If you are planning on applying for an award, please plan on attending Achievement Night.

## Buyer's Cards

Buyer's cards are available from your leaders if you haven't already received them. Please deliver them to your buyer in a timely manner.

## Sr. Federation

All high school age 4-H members are urged to join Sr. Federation. If you are a high schooler and would like to join Sr. Federation, contact Debbie Fearn or the Extension office.

## Trophy Donors/Add On

If you received a trophy, banner or belt buckle at any of the livestock shows, addresses for the sponsors were on the back of the each of these, or if you received an add on at the auction. Please, take time to thank them with a card or a personal thank you. These businesses and individuals are supporting each of you!

## Shooting Sports

The new 4-H year will be starting in September. If you are interested in joining Shooting Sports contact the Extension office at 618-445-2934. New members are always welcome!

## Record Collection

Records due in Extension office by September 22. Please turn in all your records to your leader prior to this date in order to be eligible for awards. Remember if you turn in records make sure you have done them! Please note: All secretary and treasurer books **MUST** be turned in by this deadline!

## Achievement Night

Achievement Night is scheduled for October 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now. We hope to celebrate with all 4-H members and their families! If you apply for an award, please be in attendance!

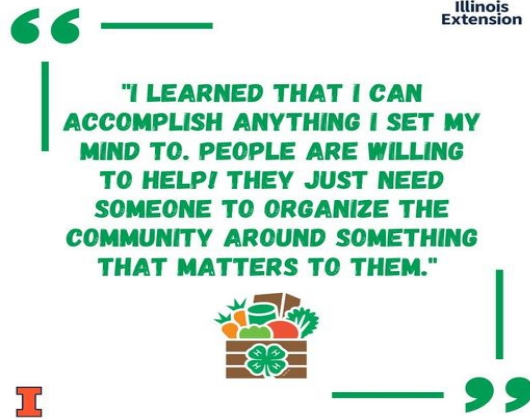
## Fair Changes for 2024

A couple of changes for the 2024 Edwards Co. 4-H Fair have been decided on. The Auction will move back to Thursday morning. The Poultry Show will be moved to Thursday evening the day before the Horse Show. More information and dates will be available in the coming months.

## State Fair Results

We had a nice group of members representing Edwards County at the State Fair General Projects show. Hayley Perry received the Champion ribbon for Food Science 4. Cara Robertson was Champion for Beginning Food Decorating. Lucas Troyer was Champion in Sportsfishing 2. Zoey Bare received Reserve Champion for Health I. Landon Loyd was Reserve Champion in Cooking 201 Scones. Hannah Perry was Reserve Champion in Passport to the World. Kylar VanMatre received Reserve Champion for Visual Arts Paper 2D. Zoie Ankenbrand, Matthew Bare and Gracie Fenton received Inspire Awards for Photography 3, Visual Arts Metal and Family Heritage, respectively. We are proud of each the members that attended!

## What can a Food Advocacy Grant do for you and your community?



In 2022-23 alone, 250 Illinois 4-H youth leaders reached over 5,000 Illinois families with gardening and food access service projects and we want you to be a part of next year's numbers!

Apply for a grant and help change your community for the better today: [go.illinois.edu/FoodAdvocacyGrants](https://go.illinois.edu/FoodAdvocacyGrants)

**WAYNE COUNTY  
ROBOTICS CLUB**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING OR ROBOTICS? MAYBE YOU ARE CREATIVE AND WANT TO BUILD AND DESIGN THE ROBOT AND THE PLAYING BOARD. ALL THESE THINGS YOU CAN DO IN THE ROBOTICS CLUB!

JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 6:00 PM FOR AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING AT THE WAYNE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT RYAN AT [RCLITTLE@ILLINOIS.EDU](mailto:RCLITTLE@ILLINOIS.EDU) OR 618-842-3702

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The flyer is orange and white. It features a large blue letter 'I' on the right side. There are two photos: one of a group of people standing outdoors and another of a robot on a competition board.

Edwards County 4-H members are welcome to take part in the Robotics Club. If you have questions call Ryan by email or call the Wayne Extension office. Please mark your calendar with the September 26th date for the informational meeting at the Wayne office at 6:00 p.m.

**Time to recruit new members, invite a friend to a meeting!**



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## END OF YEAR AWARD TIME IS APPROACHING

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Scholarship Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.



**The 4-H Experience Award** offers recognition for members who participate in activities and events from club to national events. Available levels you can qualify for include Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond, and Emerald. Head here:

**<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/awards-scholarships>** to learn more and apply!



Do you have a passion for Animal Sciences, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems Healthy Living/Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth, or STEM/Robotics?

**Apply for a scholarship honoring your experience and passion in these areas!**

Scholarships are open to Illinois 4-H members age 15-18 as of 9/1/2022. To apply you must have been enrolled in the 2021-2022 4-H year and applicants can only win one scholarship per program year and can only win once in each of the different award areas.

Apply before November 1 when you head here: **<https://form.jotform.com/231274184793159>**



**Does your 4-H club excel in community service, leadership, or project learning?** Submit your club for a 4-H Club Recognition Award! Learn more and submit your application before October 1st here: **<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/awards-scholarships>**



**I PLEDGE ... MY HEALTH FOR BETTER LIVING**

## Illinois 4-H is Committed to Making Every Kid's Potential Count

In 4-H you belong and are part of a community. You are an active participant in your future and opportunities. You play a role in your community's success. And you have many paths to learning.

We welcome all young people! Our first priority is to create a safe, inclusive space for learning, sharing, and collaboration that is welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives

To learn more about 4-H experiences in your area, contact the Edwards County Extension office @ 618-445-2934.



**FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD**