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Happening Now



February

- 13 Cardinals Mtg. Christian Church, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Farm Bureau Women's Committee 4-H Grant Apps. Due
- 15 Sign-Up Deadline for Speech & Demonstration Contest
- 17 Beef Weigh-In 1:00 at Albion Stockyards
- 19 Speech & Demonstration Contest at Farm Bureau 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Blue Ribbon Mtg. at COUNTRY Financial Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Yankees Mtg. at WS Moravian Church 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Canning Workshop 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Farm Bureau
- 28 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Little Prairie Church
- 29 Farm Credit Community Improvement and Scholarships due
Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. TBA

March

- 1 4-H Project Deadline
- 9 Community Service Project with EC Farm Bureau Young Leaders
- 12 Cardinals Meeting Mtg. Christian Church, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Robotics Informational Meeting, Bone Gap Christian Church 5:00 p.m.
- 14 Pi Day, Flyer in Newsletter
- 19 YQCA Training prior to Blue Ribbon Meeting 5:30 pm.
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I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

Project Spotlight: New Woodworking Guidelines

The Woodworking Project has new guidelines for Summer 2024 that place parameters on what types of tools are allowed at each level. This information may be important as you are choosing your level in ZSuite. Watch for your local show guide to be released or talk to your local office if you have any questions!

Save the date for Illini Summer Academies!



Illini Summer Academies is a life-changing personal development experience on the University of Illinois campus. Participants from around Illinois attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of educational sessions that provide a taste of what is possible after high school. Redefine how you see your own potential and network with other youth leaders as you take advantage of this one-of-a-kind summer opportunity.

Save the date for June 23-27, 2024 and watch for registration info coming soon! Call the Extension office at 618-445-2934 for more information.

Thank you for Giving the Gift of 4-H!



A huge thank you to everyone who made a gift for our Give the Gift of 4-H Campaign! Our Goal was 102 gifts, and it resulted in 126 gifts and \$24,405 being raised in total. That means that 1,220 youth can experience a year of 4-H with no financial barrier and we couldn't have done it without you!

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I PLEDGE ... MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

Horse Contest Dates!

Mark your calendars for our spring horse contest dates!

4-H State Horse Judging Contest: February 17, 2024. Black Hawk College East Campus (Galva, IL) NEW for 2024 – 10:30 AM start time & log in to ZSuites to register for this event.

4- H Horse Bowl & Hippology Contests:

- **Regional qualifying contests info:** See regional map to find your region and contact your local county for information on your regional contest
- **State Contest:** April 13 (Hippology) & April 14 (Horse Bowl) | UIUC campus
- **State Contest registration:** there is no registration for the state contest. Regional contest participants that qualify are simply advanced to the state contest registration list.

4-H Horse Speaking Contests April 13, 2024 (in conjunction with state hippology contest) | UIUC campus Registration deadline March 29, 2024 and log in to ZSuites to register.



Edwards Co. Beef Weigh-In
Sunday, February 18th, 1:00 p.m.
Albion Stockyards

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Members with steers will receive a call from Greg Shelton before the February 18th weigh-in.



EDWARDS COUNTY ROBOTICS CLUB INFORMATIONAL MEETING

- TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 5:00 PM
- BONE GAP CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Time to get enrollments completed and making a decision on the projects you will be completing for the 2024 4-H shows.

Master of Ceremonies

If you would like to volunteer to be the Master of Ceremonies for our annual Speech and Demonstration Contest, call the Extension office at 618-445-2934. The contest will be held on Monday evening, February 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Farm Bureau basement.

Community Service Day with Edwards Co. Young Leaders

All 4-H clubs will be working with the Farm Bureau Young Leaders on a community service project on March 9th. Clubs will work in different cemetery locations to help with cleanup before the mowing season begins. More information will be passed on by the leaders.

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Pie a Public Servant



Join us in this service project by taking a pie to a public servant on Pi day, March 14th.

Reach out to Aleya Bare if you need more information on this community service project. You can phone 618-445-7754.



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 4-H CLUBS

It is time to roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact in your community! Farm Credit Illinois is inviting 4-H Clubs to apply for a \$500 grant to assist club members in being positive change agents by making their local communities better places to live. Eligible clubs are those located in one of the counties served by Farm Credit Services Illinois in Extension Units in southern & central Illinois. **Applications are due February 29, 2024.**

Access the application using the following link: www.farmcreditIL.com/community

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H MEMBERS

4-H members who are Illinois High School Seniors with agricultural career aspiration planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall can apply for one of 30 \$2,000 scholarships. Two student applicants of color will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars. **Applications are due February 29, 2024.**

Access the application using the following link: www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship

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

Edwards Co. Animal Livestock Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

All market barrows, goats, wethers and ewe lambs must be in member's possession at least 60 days prior to show. Market goats will need to be between 4-8 months old at the time of the show. Gilts and all swine breeding stock and beef or dairy yearling heifers must be in the member's possession by April 1. Bucket Calves must be born between February 1 and April 1. They must be in member's possession within 2 weeks of birth and must be at least 90 days old when shown. Steers must be in members possession by January 1.

These rules are on page 3 rule # 6 of Project & Activity Book.

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs & cats **MUST** complete online QAEC to show at Fair. This is a one time certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All members needing to take QAEC will receive a notice in the mail.

The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1.

You can find the online training at:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec>

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records.

If you have trouble or questions, please contact Debra at djc@illinois.edu

YQCA CERTIFICATION

If you are enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep and goats this certification is required to show your animals for the 2024 show season. There is a \$3.00 fee for instructor led training, which will need paid by a credit/debit card. Watch for dates of trainings, some of the clubs will be having them at a monthly meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, they can be completed at the Extension office.

Off Premise Forms

If your livestock is not housed at your home you need to get a livestock Off Premise Form have it signed by proper signatures and turn it in to the office.

This needs to be done even if you house your livestock at a grandparents home!

Fair Dates for Unit #25 Counties

Wayne Co.—July 7-13

Lawrence Co.—July 8-14

Wabash Co.—July 12-20

Richland Co.—July 19-27

Edwards Co.—July 24—August 3

Food Advocacy Grant Awarded

Edwards County 4-H Ambassador, Hayley Perry, along with the Ellery Panthers 4-H Club has received \$1,000 Food Advocacy Grant. The grant will be used to purchase food items for the Edwards County Backpack program.

Project Paperwork

Goal sheets, livestock and small animal records, along with lease and off-premise forms are downloaded to the ZSUITE website. They are under files and can be accessed easily. Members and leaders are still welcome to ask for copies from the office.

Fair Schedule for 2024

The fair schedule is out and is attached to the back page of the newsletter!

State Fair Entry Deadlines

- Junior Fair Livestock entries due July 1.
- Horses ownership, lease paper, photos and entries due June 1.

Farm Bureau Women's Grants Due

Are you a young 4-H member ages 8-11 years old? If so this is a great opportunity for you. Fill out a simple grant form and have the chance to receive money to help assist you in your 4-H project. Examples: art supplies, display boxes, halters, cages etc. The Farm Bureau Women's Committee has offered this grant for several years, and helps youth prepare and have the supplies they need for a successful 4-H project. Be sure to turn your application in to the Farm Bureau office by February 15 to qualify.

Enrollments

If you haven't enrolled for the 2023-2024 4-H year get this completed soon! Everyone has received information for the enrollment system.

Youth Auction Fee

The fee to go through the Youth Auction is \$5.00 this year. This will be collected at Livestock Registration on Monday morning, July 29.

Sarafina Henson Winner!

Sarafina Henson is the winner of the prize for bringing a friend to a meeting and they have enrolled in 4-H. Sarafina invited Hope Adams to a Blue Ribbon meeting. Congratulations Sarafina!

State Community Service Club Awards

The Ellery Panthers club has been awarded a State Community Service Club Award. Congratulations!

Important Reminder-4-H Project Deadline March 1st, no projects can be added beyond this date!

Speech & Demonstration Contest

We are looking for youth from each community club to participate in our annual speech and demonstration contest on Monday, February 19, 2024 starting at 6:30 p.m.

You don't have to have experience, or be a polished speaker to give this a try! We want to really encourage you to participate. Call the office with your name, the name of your speech or demonstration, and what category it falls under and we will save you a spot!! Come on don't be shy, this will be fun! Official guidelines are below:

Beginners; 8-13 on or before September 1, 2023

Advanced: 14 & up on or before September 1, 2023

Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-5 minutes (Beginner) | 5-6 minutes (Advanced)

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish.

Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-5 minutes (Beginner)| 5-6 minutes (Advanced)

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive. Illustrated speeches may be:

- How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.
- Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.
- Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

Deadline to sign up is Thursday, February 15! Call Extension office at 618-445-2934.

Original Works | Self-written | Notes allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 minutes

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry/Spoken Word
- Broadcast Media Program
- Theatrical
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Oral Interpretation | Published Work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 minutes

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Theatrical Interpretation
- Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Demonstrations—(not eligible for state fair)

Demonstrations may pertain to any topic. Demonstrations may be given by an individual or a team of two members. Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing all equipment and supplies needed. Demonstrations must be 8-10 minutes in length.

2024 EDWARDS COUNTY 4-H FAIR CHANGES

There are a few changes that have been made this year, for the 4-H shows. We want to make members and families aware of these changes. All changes will be in the 2024 Project and Activity Book.

- General Project show will be held on Saturday, July 13th, starting at 8:00 a.m. This year the General Project show will be judged by clubs. Each club will get an assigned time to be at COUNTRY Financial Hall for judging. Exhibitors will need to arrive at least 30 minutes early to register their project(s) OR they may bring their projects on Friday, July 12th, between 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. to register and place them on the judging tables. Projects will be left after being judged. Judging of all clubs will be completed by 12:00. Public viewing will be held from 12:00-1:00 p.m. At 1:00 p.m. awards, pictures and project pick up will be held.
- There are some changes in the General Projects, all changes can be found in the Project and Activity Book. Members will need to read the guidelines, on each of the projects, they are enrolled in.
- Poultry show has been changed to Thursday, July 25th, at 5:30 p.m., at the 4-H arena.
- A change has been made in the classes of the Swine show. The purebred gilt classes will be omitted. If a member has a purebred gilt, they can enter them in the crossbred gilt class and will be shown by weight. The purebred barrows will still have the same classes. A Grand Champion Barrow will be selected from the purebred barrows and the market barrows.
- Auction will return to Thursday morning, August 1st, at 9:00 a.m.
- Auction Eligible Animals: This year if a member does not show a market animal, but they have another non - market Food Animal they showed in a 4-H show, members may put an animal, of any specie in the Auction. The non-market animals can only go through the auction one year, the only animal that can repeat selling in consecutive years is a Bucket Calf, the following year they could go through as a Steer. If you have a market animal(s) you must select one market animal to be sold at Auction. All animals going into the auction must have the appropriate records kept on those animals.
- Animals will be sold in the same order as before, small animals first, ending with swine. One change will be the order animals will sell for each specie. In the past we have started with the lowest placing and ending with the Grand Champion. This year the Grand Champion animal will sell first, Reserve Champion, highest placing to the lowest, then the Non- Market Animal(s), will be sold last in each specie.
- Animals can leave the fairgrounds after the Auction. Livestock pens and areas will need to be cleaned.

2024 Edwards County 4-H Fair Schedule

Monday, June 24...**Clothing Show** (COUNTRY Financial Hall) registration
5:00 p.m./judging at 5:30 p.m.

Food Show (COUNTRY Financial Hall) registration
5:00 p.m./judging at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 13...**General Show** (COUNTRY Financial Hall) registration Friday evening
5:00—6:00 p.m. OR 30 minutes prior to club judging/Saturday morning judging at
8:00-12:00/12:00-1:00 p.m. Viewing of projects/ 1:00 p.m. Awards, pictures and
project pick up

Thursday, July 18 ...**Fair Clean Up** 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. (turn in records by 7 p.m.)
**All livestock projects including small animals must be registered at Fairgrounds Clean
Up.**

Tuesday, July 23 ...**Dog Show** 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 25 ...**Poultry Show** 5:30 p.m.

Friday, July 26 ...**Equine Show** 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 27...**Fair Parade** 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 28...**Rabbit Show** 2:00 p.m./**Small Animal Show** 2:00 p.m.
Registration 1:30 p.m.
Flag Raising 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 29 ...**Weigh-In** 6:00 a.m.
(Edwards County Farm Bureau will furnish snacks.)
Livestock Registration 6:00—7:30 a.m.
Livestock Judging Mini Session 9:00 a.m.
Livestock Judging Contest 9:30 a.m.
Sheep Show 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 30 ...**Swine Show** 8:00 a.m.
Goat Show 1:00 p.m.
Bucket Calf Interviews, as scheduled by Chairperson

Wednesday, July 31 ...**Bucket Calf Show** 8:00 a.m.
Beef Show 8:30 a.m.
Tractor Rodeo 1:00 p.m.
Master Showmanship 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 1... **Youth Auction** 9:00 a.m.

