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4-H NEWSLETTER

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REMINDER

If you exhibited a project at the 2023 Fair you have a premium check to pick up. This is completely different from your auction check that you received after the fair. Please have these picked up by May 1st.

Fair Entry instructions have been mailed out and Fair Entry will open on May 1st. Please be on the lookout in your mailboxes. You will have the instructions and any forms that need to be returned to us. New this year, Cloverbuds are required to complete Fair Entry as well as regular members. The deadline to have all entries made and forms returned is **May 31st.**



If you are enrolled in horse, poultry, rabbit, dog or cat, and have not already taken the QAEC, you should have received instructions on how to do this in the mail. You need to have this done by May 1, 2024 in order to show at this years fair. If you have questions about this or just want to check to make sure you have completed it, please give us a call at the office.

Don't know what to do with your Solar Eclipse Glasses?
Are you looking for a Community Service activity for your Club Experience Award?
Help us collect glasses! Bring them to the Extension Office.

We will collect glasses in good condition and donate them to Eclipse Glasses USA for students in Latin America when they have their Solar Eclipse in October 2024.

We will collect glasses until June 1!



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May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Fair entry Opens QAEC & YQCA Deadline	2	3	4 Sheep & Goat Weigh in
5	6	7 6:30 PM Country Kids 4- H Club Meeting	8 6:30 PM Enterprisers 4-H Club Meeting 6:30 PM Wayne City 4-H Club Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 7:00 PM 4-H Country Club Meeting
19 2-4 PM Shooting Sports Club Meeting	20	21 Office Closed for Staff Meeting New Hope Lucky Clovers 4-H Club Meeting 6 PM	22 Office Closed 1- 4:30 pm for staff training	23	24	25
26	27 Office Closed for Holiday	28	29 6 PM Federation Meeting	30	31 Fair Entry Closes	

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Dog & Horse Ownership papers due to office Office Premise Forms due to office
2	3	4 6:30 PM Country Kids 4-H Club Meeting	5	6	7	8
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16 2-4 PM Shooting Sports Club Meeting	17	18	19 Office Closed Juneteenth	20	21	22
23	24 Meeting Requirements Due	25 Country Kids 4-H Club Meeting- 6:30 New Hope Lucky Clovers 4-H Club Meeting 6 PM	26 Federation Meeting-7PM	27	28	29
30	Pick up entry tags for general project show 8-Noon & 1-4:30					



Goat Weigh-in

When: Saturday, May 4, 2023

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM



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Sheep and Goat Weigh In is Saturday May 4th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Please let us know your Weigh-In Information by Wednesday May 1, 2024. Before weighing in: we need to know the Sex of each animal you are weighing in, how many you are weighing in per child (4 is the max), their Scrappies Tag number (or other IDOA approved identification method).

Ownership Dates:

GOAT: Market Wethers and Does are to be born on or after October 1, 2023, owned by May 15, 2024

SHEEP: Market Wethers and Ewes: Ownership deadline is May 15, 2024. Lambled on or after January 1, 2024.

Weigh-In Procedures

Market animals (beef, goat, sheep and swine) must be tagged and/or weighed by Extension staff or their designee on the date designated for the specie you are showing. All weigh-ins will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds dates will be sent out 1 month in advance. Enter the fairgrounds from the south gate (Main Street) and exit using the north gate (Mt. Vernon Road). If you are not showing a market animal, please notify the extension office prior to the weigh-in so they know your attendance is not required.

Notification to the office is required with the number of animals you are weighing or if you are not coming prior to the weigh-in date.

Rate Of Gain Contests

Any 4-H member with a market animal project may enter this class. The Rate of Gain contest is a voluntary class; however, if you choose to compete in the Rate of Gain contest the following requirements must be followed.

Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter the following in the Rate of Gain contest:

Market Lamb (ewe or wether) - may weigh up to 4 animals.
Market Goat (doe or wether) - may weigh up to 4 animals.

All market animals must be weighed, and weight recorded, by Extension Staff on set dates. the final weigh in will be made on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at the fairgrounds. All market animals in the Rate of Gain contest will be ear tagged or tattooed at the initial weigh in. Weights of the animal will be calculated on average pounds gained per day.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at the office!



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DOG OBEDIENCE

In this fun and exciting group, you will gain knowledge on the fundamentals of showing your dog with hands-on experience. You will also become skilled at recognizing the important relationship between you, the handler, and your dog.

When attending the first meeting please bring your dog, proof of vaccinations for your dog, water and a water dish and be ready to have fun.



Open to youth ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2023.

\$20 Program Fee if not already a 4-H Member

Monday Nights

May 27, June 10, 17, 24, July 1

6:30-7:30 PM

Wayne County Fairgrounds at the 4-H Building

To register call or email Ryan with the information

 618-842-3702

 rclittle@illinois.edu

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**WAYNE COUNTY 4-H AND
FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PRESENT**

RENEWABLE ENERGY SUMMER CLASS

**May 29-31, 2024 10-11 AM
June 5-7, 2024 10-11 AM**

**Frontier Community College West Hall
Youth Grades 6-8**

Youth will creatively explore wind and solar power by blending the art and science around renewable energy. Activities will be hands-on experiments teaching different sources and forms of energy transformation with hands-on activities of building solar powered boats, fountains, houses, and cars!

To register go to iecc.edu/summercamps or scan the QR Code. Call FCC at 618-842-3711 or visit our Student Services office on campus. Payment is to be taken at the time of registration, and we accept cash, check, VISA/MasterCard, and Apple Pay.

Questions? Contact Frontier Community College Student Services Office or the Wayne County Extension Office





**Wayne County 4-H and
Frontier Community College
Present**



Culinary Conquest



A Cooking 101 Class/Challenge

for Youth Grades 6-8



JUNE 10-14, 2024 1-3 PM

**At the Wayne County Extension Office on
the Campus of Frontier Community College**



Youth will learn food safety, food preparation, nutrition, and kitchen safety. Then participate in a culminating team food challenge event where youth plan, prepare, and present a dish.

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Wayne County 4-H and Frontier Community College Present **ROBOTIC DISCOVERY**

Youth will discover the world of robotics as they learn to build and program robots to accomplish various tasks.

JUNE 17 AND 18 8 AM-12 PM

YOUTH GRADES 6-12

**AT THE WAYNE COUNTY EXTENSION
OFFICE ON THE CAMPUS OF FRONTIER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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What is Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)? Illinois 4-H, requires all youth ages 8-18, enrolled in livestock projects (Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Swine) to complete annual quality assurance certification through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program. The goals of this program are to ensure safety and wellbeing of animals produced by youth for showing 4-H projects, ensure a safe food supply to consumers, enhance the future of the livestock industry by educating youth on these very important issues so they can become more informed producers and consumers in agriculture and food industry, and offer livestock shows a valid, national quality assurance certification for youth livestock exhibitors.

When do I need to complete YQCA training?

YQCA Training will take place at 4-H Club Meetings. Youth MUST take this training prior to making their county 4-H show entries. County deadline is May 1 (Entries will NOT be approved unless training is complete.) This does not apply to youth exhibiting animal or veterinary science poster/display projects.

How do I complete the training and what is fee?

Youth have two options to be certified. You may attend a certification program hosted by the Extension Office at your Club Meeting (cost \$3) or you may complete the training online (cost \$12). Each club will be offering an in-person training opportunity.

Youth who choose to attend an in-person instructor-led training will need to register online through the YQCA website. Youth MUST pre-register and pay online; no walk-in registrations or money can be taken the day of the training. Youth who do not take the in-person club meeting YQCA training will be required to turn in their certificate to the Extension Office by May 1. If you do not turn in your certificate you will not be able to show in the 2024 Fair.

Register before your next club meeting to make sure you can attend the class!

<https://yqcaprogram.org>

Dog and Horse Papers

If you plan to lease your animal, your completed lease agreement, with picture of both the right and left sides of the dog or horse must be turned into the extension office by June 1. The Lease Agreement can be downloaded from our website: go.illinois.edu/WayneCounty4-H or picked up at the extension office.

NEW for the 2024 FAIR

All Livestock Trailers will need to be parked in the designated Trailer Parking Area or taken home. Adequate space will be given for tack and feed storage. You WILL NOT REQUEST tack storage in pen counts. This will be assigned by Livestock Superintendents and 4-H Staff. More information will be coming in the June/July Fair Newsletter.

General Projects Show

How does this day work?

Members will be assigned a time for judging that will be released in early July. It is the 4-H members responsibility to pick up their project tags at the extension office the week before the 4-H show. When you show up for the General Project show you will want to show up 10 minutes before your assigned time with your project, entry tag attached to your project and project records in hand. Questions? Feel free to call us at the office!

Off Premise Form

Animals enrolled in the 4-H program are expected to be in the 4-H member's regular care from the animal project starting date until the conclusion of the 4-H show, at the county fair and/or state fair. If animals are housed someplace other than the 4-H member's residence, then an Off-Premise form needs to be on file at the Extension Office by June 1, 2024. The Off-Premise Form can be downloaded from our website: go.illinois.edu/WayneCounty4-H or picked up at the extension office.

ILLINOIS 4-H EXPERIENCE AWARD

DIMENSION	COLUMN A # OF CLUB / INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES	COLUMN B # OF COUNTY EXPERIENCES	COLUMN C # OF UNIT-WIDE / REGIONAL EXPERIENCES	COLUMN D # OF STATE / NATIONAL EXPERIENCES
PARTICIPATION		Pickleball Night 10-2-23 Dodgeball Night 10-3-23 Board Game/Movie Night 10-5-23 4-H Carnival Night 10-6-23 Wayne County Achievement Night 11-10-23		4-H Family Camp 9-8-23
COMMUNITY SERVICE				Food Advocacy Grant 10-23 Solar Eclipse Glasses 4/5-24
LEADERSHIP	CLUB OFFICER 2023-2024	OFFICER TRAINING 11/18/23	AMBASSADOR TRAINING 9-6-23	
PROJECT LEARNING		VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOP 10-9-23 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT WORKSHOP 12-21-23 SEWING WORKSHOP 2/19/24 CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP 2/24/24 YQCA- COUNTRY KIDS 2/6/24 YQCA- WAYNE CITY 2/14/24 YQCA- 4-H COUNTRY CLUB- 3/16/24 YQCA- NEW HOPE LUCKY CLOVERS 3/27/24 NEW MEMBER WORKSHOP- 3/16/24		State Shotgun Shoot 9-23-23