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March

1 4-H Project Deadline

- 1 Edwards County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Scholarship due
- 1 Farm Bureau Women's Committee 4-H Grant Apps. Due
- 7 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Cardinals Mtg. Christian Church 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Edwards County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship due
- 15 Blue Ribbon Mtg. at COUNTRY Financial Hall 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Yankees Mtg. 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
- 23 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Little Prairie Church
- 25 Barrow Booster Pickup at the Fairgrounds 5:30 p.m.
- 26 Shooting Sports Mtg. 8:00 a.m. at Sportsmen's Club

Volunteer Appreciation Month

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. We couldn't make it without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Take time and thank them for all they do for our 4-H program.



I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

1. Be Our Guest!

Under *FAIR* Pressure!

Link to register for the **May 19, 2022** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=25159>



4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the San Francisco Giants!



May 14
1:15PM
\$25/ticket
*All sales final

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1 @ 11:59PM

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Additional raffle tickets available for \$1.00. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusions for additional prizes.)

Register here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022>

*Please note - groups that wish to *sit together* **MUST** submit **one** order.

TICKETS AND T-SHIRTS WILL BE MAILED OUT THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL!

Ticket/t-shirt questions? Contact *Rhonda Shafer* at shaferr@missouri.edu

Parade/raffle questions? Contact *Dave Hileman* at hilemand@missouri.edu



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I PLEDGE ... MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

National Opportunities



Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

- earn a \$5K scholarship
- serve as a national youth spokesperson

...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>



Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK.

February 1 – April 30, visit a local @JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to @4-H. [joann.com/4-H/](https://www.joann.com/4-H/) #JOANNhearts4H

Get your @4-H Rewards Card today! Stop by a local @JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H! [joann.com/4-H/](https://www.joann.com/4-H/) #JOANNhearts4H



2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

Application opens on January 18

Deadline to apply: March 18

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

The Deadline to apply is March 18. <http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>

Photography Contest



Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photo contest to youth in grades K-13.

In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo and tell the committee why it's special to them. Submit one (1) image (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences on why it's important to you by 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022. Find more information here: ["Hit me with your best shot" 4-H photo contest | UMN Extension](#) with rules [here](#).

4-H Family Spirit Award



4-H is a family affair for many! We want to encourage you, as a multi-generational 4-H family, to nominate your family for the Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award.

Here is a link to our website that outlines specific requirements for the award:

[Illinois 4-H Foundation Family Spirit Award](#)

Please [contact us](#) with any questions. **The deadline to apply for the 2022 Family Spirit award is May 1, 2022.** We look forward to hearing from you and reading about your family's 4-H story!

Shooting Sports/Environment



NOTE DATE CHANGE: (program moved from Feb. to Mar.)

Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions

New Date: March 19, 2022 Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members. 10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining

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



2022 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Volunteer Certification Trainings

Contact your local UofI Extension office 4-H professional and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.

Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.



GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. [Link to tournament details published in March!](#)

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament



Planting Dates Are Being Planned for April 2, April 9, or April 16!

Hands-on community service, conservation, and environmental education are key components the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program happening this spring in 31 counties throughout Illinois.

Illinois 4-H is partnering with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Forestry Committee to address the decline of native oak savannas by providing 25 oak seedlings (in containers) to these counties.

If you see your county shaded in green below and are interested in helping plant these trees, let your local Extension office know! They will be coordinating a workday in late March-early April to plant these trees together on a public space of approximately ½ acre in your county. Resources will be posted here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-green-communities-tree-program>



Illinois RiverWatch has 15 training sessions set up for March and April each in a different county in Illinois. To learn more, visit their official website at: <http://www.ngrrc.org/Riverwatch/> This is a tremendous opportunity become an aquatic citizen scientist! Ask for the 4-H discount off their regular fee. A great, long lasting club activity!



BARROW BOOSTERS
showpig clinic

Saturday, April 23rd
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Edwards County
fairgrounds

Open to all 4-H members

Showmanship
Stephanie Schippert



Daily Care + Nutrition
Jordan Schippert

All 4-H members and families are invited to attend the Barrow Boosters Showpig Clinic. It will be a great opportunity to learn about showmanship, daily care and nutrition for your swine project.

4-H members are asked to register for the clinic at: <https://go.illinois.edu/BarrowBoostersShowpig>

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2022 4-H Fair Schedule is on the back page of this Newsletter. Note the changes for the Poultry Show and Youth Auction. Share these changes with family, friends and businesses that support us! When buyer letters are sent, make them aware of the changes.



Speech and Demonstration Contest

The Speech and Demonstration Contest was held Monday evening, February 21, at the Farm Bureau Community Room. Kamryn Trowbridge and Skylar Greathouse each gave a Formal speech. Alyssa Smith and Meadow Miller gave Illustrated speeches. Skylar and Alyssa were named State Fair delegates. Each of the girls did a great job!

New Members

We have many new members this year. We are very happy to have them join Edwards County 4-H!

Off-Premise Forms

If you are housing livestock off of your own premises, remember you must fill out an off-premise form and turn it in to the Extension office. You can find this form on our website or contact the office.

Quality Assurance and Ethics

Certification (QAEC)

We have a few 4-H members that need to complete online QAEC in order to show at the 2022 Edwards Co. Fair. Leaders know the members, in their clubs, that need certification. If you are enrolled in horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs & cats for the first time this needs completed by June 1.

You can find the online training at:
<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec>

Barrow Booster Pickup

Individuals that signed up for the Barrow Booster program will be picking up their market barrow on Friday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the 4-H barns.

Project Deadline is March 1!

Leases on Animals

If you plan to lease an animal be sure to have a written agreement with both parties involved. Also, drop a copy by the Extension office. Anyone needing a basic lease form may stop at the office to receive one or email djc@illinois.edu for one. State Fair will only accept lease papers on Horses and Dogs.

YQCA

A few members still need to complete the YQCA certification. If you want to take part in an instructor led training, contact Debra at the Extension office.

Panthers Fundraiser

The Ellery Panthers will be having a fundraiser on the Courthouse Square, Saturday, April 2, from 10:30 until sold out. Leroy Moore will be doing the cooking.

Congratulations Lauren Luker!

Lauren will be receiving a Scholarship from the IL 4-H Foundation for STEM and Robotics on April 9, in Champaign. Congratulations!

Bone Gap Cardinals—Food Advocacy Grant

Matt Bare representing the Bone Gap Cardinals completed the 4-H Food Advocacy Grant to secure \$1,000 for the Zion Food Pantry in West Salem. Plans are being made for food distribution. Nice job Cardinals!

Scrumptious Science

A great group of kids enjoyed the four weeks of Scrumptious Science. We had many repeat participants and several new ones. Scrumptious Science is always a hit!

2022 Edwards County 4-H Fair Schedule

Monday, June 13...**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.

Tuesday, July 12...**General Show** (COUNTRY Financial Hall) registration and viewing
5:30 p.m./judging starts 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 14 ...**Fair Clean Up** 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. (turn in records by
7 p.m.)

(4-H Leaders need to turn in Livestock Judging Teams at Fair Clean Up.)

All livestock projects including small animal projects must be registered at Fairgrounds Clean Up.

Tuesday, July 19 ...**Dog Show** 6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 22 ...**Equine Show** 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 23 ...**Fair Parade** 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 24...**Rabbit Show** 2:00 p.m. **Small Animal Show** 2:00 p.m.

Flag Raising 6:00 p.m.

Monday, July 25 ...**Weigh-In** 6:00 a.m.

(Edwards County Farm Bureau will furnish snacks.)

Livestock Registration 6:00—7:00 a.m.

Livestock Judging Mini Session 8:00 a.m.

Livestock Judging Contest 8:15 a.m.

Sheep Show 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26 ... **Swine Show** 8:00 a.m.

Goat Show 1:00 p.m.

Bucket Calf Interviews 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27 ...**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, July 28 ... **Poultry Show** 8:00 a.m.

Youth Auction 5:30 p.m.