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4-H Newsletter

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**Richland County
Illinois 4-H**

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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

January

29 Beef Weigh-In - Richland County Fair Grounds @ 8:00 am

February

22 Federation Kickoff

24 Leader's Meeting

Spark at the Library

26 The 4-H News Workshop

28 Start 4-H Week

March

1-6 4-H Week (see newsletter for details!)

Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

January 1, 2022: Market Steers & Heifers, Dairy cows, Milking goat

April 1, 2022: Goats, Swine, Breeding Heifers, Horses

May 1, 2022: Bucket Calf

May 15, 2022: Market lambs, Breeding sheep

June 1, 2022: Dogs, rabbits, poultry

**The above dates are when all 4-H'ers with these projects
must have the animals in their possession.**

Richland County 4-H



Federation News!

We will hold a federation kickoff meeting for any youth in 8th grade or up who would like to lead events, and bring new ideas to Richland County. Join us for a night of pizza and fun!

Tuesday, February 22

6 p.m.

In Extension office

Leader Meeting:

Thursday, February 24

6 p.m.

The Extension Office

Leaders we will be going over changes to fair handbook, enrollment, and special guest from the Richland County Foundation. If you cannot attend please make sure to contact the office and let us know.

You will also be meeting the new Youth and Development Educator for our unit.

Save the Dates!

Tuesday, March 29 at 6 p.m. Public Presentations

Friday, June 10 at 9 a.m. Dog Show

Friday, June 10 at 1:30 p.m. Cat Show

Friday, July 22 at 1 p.m. General Projects

Sunday, July 24- Thursday, July 29 Fair

Friday, July 29 Tractor Driving Contest

Friday, August 12 Richland County Day at

Illinois State Fair

Are you new or sort of new to 4-H? Are you confused as to all the deadlines and ownership dates for livestock? Then do I have the workshop for you! **The 4-H News Workshop** will be held on **Saturday, February 26 at 9 a.m. in the Extension office**. Come prepared to take notes, ask questions and of course have fun. And parents this is a workshop for you as well!

4-H in a Bag – Crystal Snowflakes

Registration is now open until January 31. Youth will get all the supplies needed on February 11 at the office. Join us on Monday, February 14 on Facebook live at 2 pm to learn how to make crystal snowflakes.

Please use registration:

go.illinois.edu/crystalSnowflakes

I February 4-H in a Bag

CRYSTAL SNOWFLAKES



Everyone has made a paper snowflake, but did you know you can grow your own? Join us and learn how you can grow your own, CRYSTAL SNOWFLAKE.

Register Today using this link:
<https://go.illinois.edu/crystalsnowflakes>

We will be going live on our unit Facebook page (Illinois Extension-Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash & Wayne Counties)
Monday, February 14, 2022, at 2 p.m.

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Join us for Cloverbud Winter Fun Workshops!



Join us every Wednesday in February at 5 pm on the 4-H Lawrence County Illinois Facebook page for a fun interactive workshop about snow. See the following links to register for each workshop and then pick up your supplies on the Friday before the workshop at the office.

February 2 - Snowstorm in a Jar (go.illinois.edu/LCSnowStorm)

February 9 - Making Snow (go.illinois.edu/LCSnow)

February 16 - Exploding Snowman (go.illinois.edu/LCSnowman)

February 23 - Melting Snowman (go.illinois.edu/LCMeltingSnowman)

SPARK at the Olney Library: 4-H program on Building a Magic Wand

What ignites your child? Here is a chance to allow them to explore and create something new each month, helping them find their spark. Monthly free classes will be held at the Olney Public Library and led by a University of Illinois Extension educator. Classes will begin at 4 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. Students 2nd grade and older are eligible. Class size is limited so sign up today!

Build a Magic Wand - Craft sticks make an excellent tool for learning how to build simple circuits. With this project, we are embracing our love of Harry Potter and creating wands that light up.

February 24 <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24258>

SPARK at the Olney Library: 4-H program on Straw Rockets

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Straw Rockets - Building a soda straw rocket is an excellent opportunity for students to practice the engineering design process. This activity provides students with a template that creates a rocket that can be launched from a soda straw.

March 24 <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24259>

4-H Week

February 28 - March 6

Window Displays are due by 4 p.m. Two ways for your club to win Window Display prizes this year! One will be the original judging and the other will be a photo contest on our Facebook page. Leaders will need to submit by 4 p.m. a picture of their club display and during the week you can go and vote for your favorite! Saturday at 4 p.m. voting closes and the winner will be announced on Saturday at 5 p.m.. The Winning club will receive an Ice Cream Party for their next meeting.



Tuesday

Cooking with the family night! We will have a Facebook Live demonstration on how to cook a snack from 4-H Fresh Chefs at 5 p.m. We want to hear from you so submit your favorite snack recipe to the office by Friday, February 25. We will pick one lucky 4-H member to demonstrate live on Facebook their yummy recipe. All recipes submitted will be posted on the Facebook page so everyone can try them out.

4-H Green Day & Family Night, wear you club shirts or other green clothing to school or work. Be ready to tell everyone who asks what 4-H is! Then go home and discuss with your family how proud you are to be a Richland County 4-H'er.



Thursday

Community Service Project! We will have a community service project of making friendship bracelets. After making them give to a friend and share what 4-H is all about! Supplies will be available to pick up at the office.

Movie and Popcorn Night! Meet at the office at 6 p.m. for a night of movies and popcorn. Drinks and snacks will be provided. You will get to vote on the movie you want to watch.



Saturday

Who is great at trivia? But what about 4-H trivia? Get your team formed by Thursday, March 3rd and come to Trivia night at 6 p.m. at the Extension office. Winning team will win bragging rights and a plaque.

4-H Week

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Road Rally

Annual 4-H Road Rally (Scavenger Hunt). Clubs are encouraged to enter a car or cars by calling or texting Sam Sterchi at 618-843-3477 or Laura Sterchi at 618-843-1230. Each car's driver must be 21 years of age or older, with a maximum of 3 other occupants. This is a fun event that is NOT a speed contest but rather a test of observation skills with some math and pure luck thrown in. Gather together some adult volunteers and join the fun! Meet at the Extension office at 1:00 pm. Any person driving in the road rally must show a valid driver's license & proof of current insurance.



Window Display

The theme is Opportunity for All. Clubs should have their displays in place no later than Monday, February 28 by 4:00pm. Judging will take place Tuesday, March 1. Plaques will be given to the top three clubs and all other participants will be awarded prizes. **Entries will be taken until February 25th by calling the Extension office at 395-2191.** Let's all show our Clover pride to the community!



4-H Week

Please flood our Facebook page, your Facebook pages, Instagram and all social media sights with 4-H stories, pictures. We want Richland County 4-H week to break social media. Use the # Richland 4-HWeek so we can find all the fun stuff you post.

2021 Fair Lemonade Stand Workers do we have a treat for you! The Richland County 4-H Foundation will be hosting a pizza party for you. More information coming from your leaders.

No 4-H member or guest will be able to participate in these activities without a Risk Form!

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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 under-represented minority student applicants will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars.. **Applications are due February 28, 2022.**

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

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 28, 2022.**

2022 Richland County 4-H Foundation Scholarship



The Richland County 4-H Foundation is offering a \$500 Scholarship to a 17 or 18 year old Richland County 4-H member. Applications are available at the office and are due back **March 1, 2022** with interviews taking place on **March 15, 2022.**

Save the Date – March 1, 2022 Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting

Join us for the first Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm, to be held virtually. We look forward to sharing updates regarding the National 4-H Board of Trustees, Illinois Extension, and Illinois 4-H from Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois; Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean & Director of Illinois Extension; and Lisa Bouillion Diaz, Assistant Dean & Director of Illinois 4-H. Attendees will be able to submit questions for discussion. Registration will open on February 1. Register by February 21 – <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>.

Hosted by
the Illinois
4-H Alumni
Association

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>

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 Sportfishing 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

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: *Sign up for 4-H Sportfishing project now*, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the “Companies Crushing Pollution” Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money through the video challenge. The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Participants have a chance to win up to \$5,000. All videos must be submitted by March 1, 2022. Here is the recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules. <https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y>

4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Youth Camp

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022 4-H Members Only

Feb. 7, 2022- until full 4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 17-21, 2022

4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director

Lead Male/Female Counselors

Lifeguards

Outdoor Education Director

Arts & Crafts Director

Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director

Recreation Director

Climbing Tower Director

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.

Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 12, 13, and 14.

Exhibits must be in place by 9 AM and remain on display **until 3:30 PM**. (pick up time may change)
The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2022.

New projects at the state fair include: Cover Crops and Quilting

The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** The Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Contest will be held April 30, 2022. At this point, we are planning to do this event in person and are tentatively confirmed to host the event at Parkland Community College in Champaign, Illinois. Updates on the University and State guidelines will be sent regarding changes due to Covid-19 as we get closer to the event.

Ewe lambs are now eligible for the premier show.

Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 28**.

The **junior poultry show** Thursday, August 11 in Barn #26.

The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Thursday, August 11 in Barn #26.

The **junior rabbit show** will be held in Barn #26 on Saturday, August 13

State Superior Young Producer Contest for general livestock will be held on Friday, August 10 in the Jr. Livestock building south ring. For Dairy it will be held on Saturday, August 20 in the Open Livestock Center.

The **State Dairy Judging Contest** will be on Saturday, August 20 in the Open Livestock Center

State Junior Livestock Shows Schedule:

Friday, August 12—Breeding Stock

Saturday, August 13—Market Stock

Richland County Day—Friday, August 12

For more information about exhibits at the Illinois State Fair contact the office.

Welcome Samantha Gaither

Samantha Gaither is the 4-H Youth Development Educator for Edward, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash and Wayne Counties. She comes to the position with a background knowledge in 4-H as an alumni and was recently the 4-H Program Coordinator for Lawrence County. Samantha will be working with Sheri Pitts to cover Richland County 4-H until a Program Coordinator is hired. If you see her at the office stop by and say hello.



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