

Illinois Extension



4-H Newsletter

February 2022

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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

February

- ➔ 5 Beef & Dairy Steer Weigh-in (look on page 5 for your assigned time.
- ➔ 8 County Cooking Workshop @ Allendale Ruritan Building 6pm-7:30pm
- ➔ 12 YQCA Training @ 9 am at the Extension Office.
- ➔ 14 February 4-H in a bag Facebook live
- ➔ 16 Allendale Twisters & Sprouts Meeting @ 6pm at the Allendale Ruritan Building.
- ➔ 16 Federation/Jr. Federation Meeting 4pm-5pm @ The Extension Office.
- ➔ 19 Hi-Flyers Meeting @ 9 am at the Farm Bureau Office
- ➔ 20 Barn Busters Meeting @ 6:15pm at the Extension office
- ➔ 22 YQCA Training @ 6pm at the Extension Office
- ➔ 28 Town & Country 4-H meeting @6:30 pm at the Quail Club

March

- ➔ 1 Last day to add projects for the year

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Important Reminders:

- ➔ Every 4-H'er will be required to attend **FOUR** 4-H meetings this year in order to show at the fair. This can be club meetings or workshops that the extension office hosts.
- ➔ New members have till **March 1, 2022** to enroll.
- ➔ You will have till March 1st to change your projects if you choose to add or delete a 4-H project. You can do this by going into your 4-H online account or contacting our office

Federation & Junior Federation

We are still looking to add federation members to our team! Join our next meeting.
February, 16, 2022 from 4pm-5pm at the extension office.

Fair

Attached at the end of this newsletter you will find the 2021-2022 Fair Schedule. This year's fair will be back to "normal". We are working to add in new activities for the kids! In order to add in these activities we had to change up the fair schedule a bit from how it has been in the past to allow more time in the schedule.

We are excited for the 2022 fair as we celebrate the 50th anniversary!!

Handbooks will be released soon! Once I get them approved and printed I will distribute those to you all!

March 4-H in a bag

The March 4-H in a bag is going to be garden in a glove themed! As soon as the registration link becomes available I will send it out to you all!



WABASH COUNTY COOKING WORKSHOP

Join us for an evening of cooking a meal and learning about cooking skills and the safety you need to use in the kitchen! WE will be creating a meal and dessert that you will get to eat as supper!

WHEN: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

TIME: 6PM-7:30PM

WHERE: ALLENDALE RURITAN BUILDING

Who can participate? Anyone ages 5-18 as of September 1, 2021
How to register: <https://go.illinois.edu/CookingWorkshop> or contact the office at 618-262-5725

IF YOU NEED A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

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Don't forget to register for this event by February 4th!
We only have 20 slots available so be sure to register NOW!!

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Farm Credit Scholarships:

Due February 28th

- ➔ **2022 Agriculture Scholarship:** Thirty \$2,000 scholarships are available to high school seniors with agricultural career aspirations planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall. Two student applicants of color will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars. Use this link to apply <https://form.jotform.com/212994584005965>
- ➔ **Community Improvement Grant Program:** Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live. Use this link <https://form.jotform.com/212994192912967> to apply.

IAA Scholarship:

The 2022 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 84 scholarships totaling \$164,500 in tuition support. Students can apply between now and February 15, 2022. Many of our scholarships prefer or require the student to be a former or active 4-H member

Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility details can be found at www.iaafoundation.org. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions.

Livestock Judging

We are excited to get the livestock judging team up and running! We have a great group of kids that will start competing this spring.

We are currently meeting on Wednesday & Thursday Evening @6pm at the Extension Office. If you missed the first practice but would like to be a part of the team please reach out to Megan.

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Beef Weigh-in

February 4, 2022

At Three River Vet Clinic in West Salem

Assigned Times:

12:30 pm-Wyatt Buchanan

12:45 pm- Steven Haase

1:00 pm- Drew Glick & Hyden Sweppy-Walker

1:15pm- Stevens Family



WABASH COUNTY IN-PERSON YQCA TRAINING



YQCA is a training that is required by the state for all 4-H'ers who are exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, or goats. You are required to take this training each year. You have the option to take this training online for \$12 or you can attend one of the following in-person trainings with us for only \$3.

You must register for this training by going to the YQCA website and using your 4-H online login information and selecting one of the trainings listed below.

**THE FOLLOWING TRAININGS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE:
(738 N MARKET ST., MOUNT CARMEL, IL 62863)**

January 11, 2022 @ 6pm
February 12, 2022 @ 9am
February 22, 2022 @ 6pm
March 5, 2022 @ 9am

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Buddy Program

The Wabash County Barn Buddy Program is designed to introduce kids to the rewards of livestock showing. Each Buddy finds a Jr Fair participant willing to become a mentor in the species of their choice. Over the course of the fair project, the buddy will have the opportunity to learn about the species and the skills needed to show the animal. At the fair in July each buddy with the assistance of their mentor will show in the Wabash County Jr Fair Buddy Class. The judge will be asking questions about the chosen species and giving showing tips to buddies. Like all other classes, it will also include ribbons and premiums

Interested in the Buddy Program? Contact the office to get the enrollment form.



Wabash County *Public Speaking Contest*

March 29th, 2022

**6pm at the
Extension Office**

Didn't sign up for public speaking? No worries! You have till March 1st to add projects to your account. You can add public speaking today.

Add public speaking as your project TODAY!!

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If you need reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact our office at 618-262-5725.

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Livestock Ownership Dates

All Animals must be the property of the member exhibiting them and will be subject to identifying check. Penalty for falsification will result in banning the member from competition in any class at the show for the current year. 4-H officials reserve the right to spot check and verify ownership of animals by required ownership date.

Market Animals

Animal	Ownership Deadline	Birth Dates
Steers	January 1, 2022	Calved on or after January 1, 2021
Regular Barrows	May 1, 2022	Farrowed on or after January 1, 2022
Market Wethers & Ewes	May 1, 2022	Lambled on or after January 1, 2022
Meat Goat Wethers	May 1, 2022	Born on or after October 1, 2021

2022 Breeding Animals Ownership Dates

BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:

Heifers

Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since May 1, 2022 (with the exception of Junior Heifer calf and Baby Beef)

Performance Cows

Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since January 1, 2022

SWINE – GILTS:

Owned by exhibitor since May 1, 2022

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:

Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since May 1, 2022

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:

Calves and Heifers – Owned since May 1, 2022

Cows – Owned since January 1, 2022

HORSE & PONY:

On or before May 1

DOGS:

Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2022

DAIRY GOATS:

Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by May 1, 2022.

Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2022.

MEAT GOATS

All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 1, 2022.

RABBITS, NOVELTY GOATS & POULTRY:

Animals in these species that are to be exhibited at the ISF Jr. Show must be owned by the exhibitor as indicated: Does -- By June 1 of the year exhibiting; All others -- Out of stock owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1.

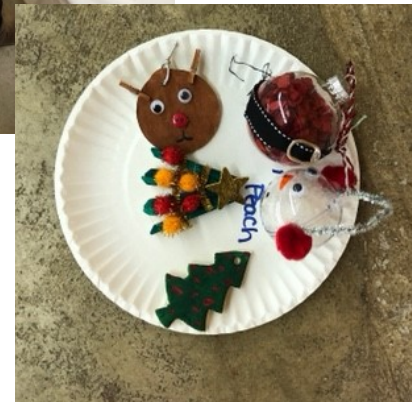
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December Recap:



Mt. Carmel Christmas Parade



Ornament Workshop



50th Anniversary Fair Shirts

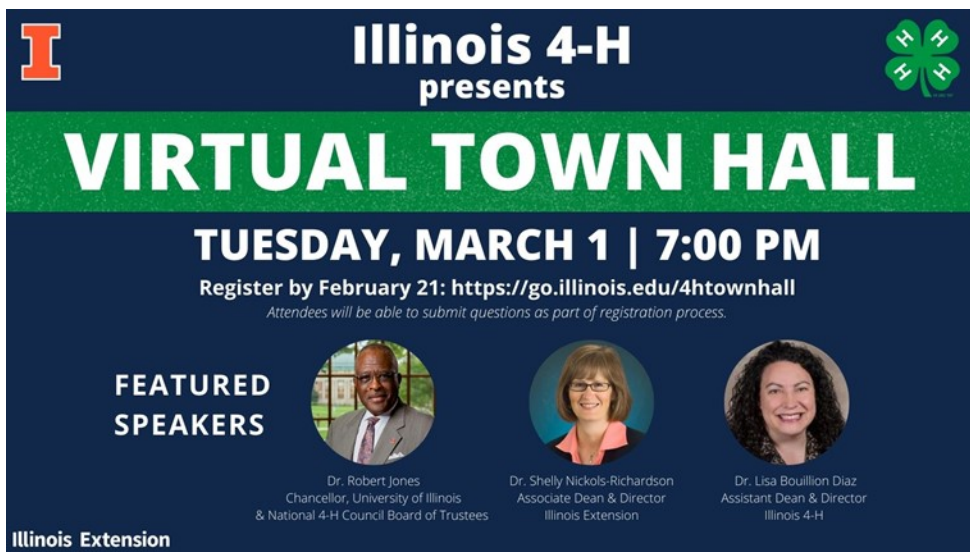
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Congratulations to William Medler on winning the t-shirt design contest! Everyone who submitted t-shirts designs to me got a number in the left hand corner like this one and they were presented to the junior fair board where they voted on the designs. Thank you to everyone that participated!

More on the fair t-shirts will be coming once the full shirt design is up together!

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VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:00 PM
Register by February 21: <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>
Attendees will be able to submit questions as part of registration process.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

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Dr. Robert Jones
Chancellor, University of Illinois
& National 4-H Council Board of Trustees
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Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson
Associate Dean & Director
Illinois Extension
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Dr. Lisa Bouillion Diaz
Assistant Dean & Director
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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





**4-H
YOUTH
IN ACTION**

Applications now open!

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>

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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 Salute to Excellence application will go live on Council's Web Grants platform on January 18th. The Deadline to apply is March 18.
<http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>



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
June 12-16, 2022
July 5-9, 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.