ILLINOIS Extension 4-H Newsletter



April 2022

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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

<u>April</u>

- 9 New Hope Cloverbuds Pancake Breakfast
- 11 New Hope Lucky Clovers at Tam-I-Am; 6 p.m.
- 12 Federation Meeting at the extension office; 7 p.m.
- 13 Wayne City 4-H Club meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Enterprisers Meeting; 6:30 p.m. (Yvette will be attending)
- 14 County Board Meeting; 7 p.m.
- 16 4-H Country Club meeting; 7 p.m.
- 18 Foundation Meeting; 6 p.m.
- 25-26 Conservation Days at Sam Dale Lake
- 30 State Public Speaking Contest

<u>May</u>

- 7 Goat and Sheep weigh-in; 8-9 a.m.
- 9 Country Kids meeting at Leo French Park; 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Extension office CLOSED; Memorial Day
- <u>June</u>
- 6 Dog Obedience class start; 6:30 to 7:30
- <u>July</u>
 - FAIR

<u>August</u>

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Wayne County Day at State Fair



<u>DEADLINE FOR</u> <u>COMPLETION IS JUNE 1</u> <u>SEVERAL NOT COMPLETED</u>

The YQCA and QAEC deadline for com-

pletion is June 1. Anyone showing beef, goat, sheep or swine, must complete the YQCA yearly and anyone taking dog, cat, horse, poultry, and rabbits must complete the QAEC. The QAEC is a one and done certification. Please see Yvette to schedule your YQCA training.

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *Closed 12 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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Congratulations!

Macie Edwards of the New Hope Lucky Clovers competed in our county public speaking contest and was named our State Fair winner. Macie gave her Modern Woodman speech of "The Word Would be a Better Place If" and did a fabulous job connecting John F. Kennedy, Jesus, and herself, as well as incorporating good 4-H values, and great life skills within her speech. We want to wish Macie the best of luck at the State Fair contest which is scheduled for Saturday, April 30 at Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois. We know Macie will represent Wayne County well.



Saturday, Aril 23, 2022

National 4-H is announcing True Leaders in Service, a month-long community service activation. It officially kick-offs the first day of April, and culminates with the National 4-H Day of Service on the last Saturday of April each year. Thousands of 4-H'ers venture out into their communities throughout the month of April to do what 4-H'ers do best: lead in service to tackle community challenges and help meet the needs of others. The National 4-H Day of Service can take place in every county across the country. 4-H members, adult volunteers and friends help improve their communities by adopting a service project. No matter the project, this is a day that will make a difference! The goal of True Leaders in Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a big impact in their community. If April 27 does not work for a project, any project in April can be a part of this effort.



Goat and Sheep Weigh-in - Saturday, May 7, 8-9 a.m.



➡ Weigh-in for all market animals will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 at the fairgrounds.

➡ All wethers, market does, and market lambs to be shown in the 2022 Wayne County 4-H Fair must be tagged by extension staff.

Ownership deadline for market animals is April 21, 2022.

> ➡ Up to 4 wethers, market does, and market lambs may be tagged.

➡ For questions about weigh-in, call the



Fair Premium Checks

We have received several phone calls regarding these checks and we still have several in the office waiting to be picked up. How do I know if I have a check? If you participated in the 2021 fair, then you have a check to be picked up at the extension office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If these times do not work with your schedule, call the extension office, because Yvette has some late nights most weeks. We will arrange a time to meet you.

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, 2022.

The **Off-Premise Form** can be downloaded from our website: **extension.illinois.edu/elrww** or picked up at the extension office.



If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of these programs, please contact the University of Illinois Extension Office at 618-382-2662.

Our friends in White County have opened up their Rabbit and Poultry Showmanship Clinic to us. The drive isn't very long and it may be beneficial to some of my rabbit and poultry exhibitors.

HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR NEWSLETTER?

Please let Jessica or Yvette know how you prefer to receive your monthly newsletter.

Options: a printed copy, the link on Facebook, our county website, or an email with a link to the newslet-ter?

Notify us by: email at jasimpso@illinois.edu OR jyanders@illinois.edu, OR phone 842-3702, OR you can call or text Yvette's cell.





You and your best friend!

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.

FIRST MEETING REQUIREMENT - YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF SHOTS FOR YOUR DOG

What to Bring: water and a water dish treats for your dog Dog must be on a leash; and a sense of humor.

Open to all youth age 8-18

(must be 8 by September 1, 2021) \$20 4-H Program Fee if not already a 4-H Member

Monday nights starting June 6 (5 sessions— June 6,13, 20, 27, and Tuesday, July 5 6:30 to 7:30 pm @ Wayne County Fairgrounds

CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE TO REGISTER: 618-842-3702

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The Wayne County Farm Bureau is pleased to award 18 Wayne County 4-Hers with a 2022 4-H Project Grant, for a total grant amount of \$2,445.35. 30 applications were received this year, totaling \$4,125.73 in grant requests.

The 4-H Project Grant program is designed to encourage young 4-Hers to begin new projects by eliminating potential cost burdens they may have; as well as encourage new individuals to become active in the Wayne County 4-H program.

Each 4-Her is required to submit receipts of their project purchases before they receive their grant money. Pictures of the 4-Hers with their projects will be included in future issues of the *Wabash Valley Ag News* and posted on the Wayne County Farm Bureau Facebook page.

Congratulations to our 2022 4-H Project grant winners!





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State 4-H Fishing Tournaments Ready to Go!

Easy to enter, easy to win! April 1-30 is crappie time. Learn rules and how to enter here: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament

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. Entries just require a phone, tape measure and then upload information to: <u>https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H</u> April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament



Illinois River Watch 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: <u>http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/</u>

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!



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Shop 4-H

Did you know you can shop Illinois 4-H branded apparel? Head to our <u>Illinois pop-up shop</u> or https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop -up-shop

and scroll to the bottom of the page! These shirts are already branded with Illinois 4-H on them.



4-H at Home

How do you teach kids what data is? Show them. In the latest 4-H at Home activity, kids can learn exactly what the internet is with the help of augmented reality to visualize all those bits and bytes. <u>Get started here.</u>



4-H Equity Challenge

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+.

True Leaders in Equity Institute

Empowering youth/adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership opportunity on July 11-14 in Bethesda, Maryland challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities. National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. Apply by June 6.



