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4-H NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to the Wayne County Livestock Judging Team and coach Hallie Littlejohn who had a great weekend in DuQuoin. The senior team comprised of Kamryn Trowbridge, Lily Simpson, Ava Lewis and Allison Ellis placed first overall. All four seniors placed within the top 20. The juniors Anna Lewis placed 10th and John Ellis placed 18th individually. Good luck at the rest of the competitions this year!



REMINDER

Fair Entry instructions will be coming out later this month 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. 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 year's 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.



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April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 3:30-4:30 pm Cloverbud Workshop 5:30 PM Robotics Club Meeting	4	5	6 State Awards Banquet
7	8 Office Closed to public	9 6:30 PM Country Kids 4- H Club Meeting	10 6:30 PM Enterprisers & Wayne City 4-H Club Meetings Swine weigh in information due	11	12	13 Swine Weigh In
14	15	16	17 5:30 PM Robotics Club Meeting 6 PM Federation Meeting	18	19	20 7:00 PM 4-H Country Club Meeting
21 2-4 PM Shooting Sports Club Meeting	22 6-7 PM Livestock Judging Practice	23	24 New Hope Lucky Clovers 4-H Club Meeting 6 PM	25	26	27
28	29 Conservation Day	30 Conservation Day				

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 6 PM Federation Meeting	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	22 New Hope Lucky Clovers 4-H Club Meeting 6 PM	23	24	25
26	27 Office Closed for Holiday	28	29	30	31 Fair Entry Closes	



LIVESTOCK FITTING WORKSHOP

Sponsored By The Enfield Blue Ribbon 4-H Club



April 27, 2024

**Time: 9:00 am Rabbits - 10:00am Fitting
White County Fairgrounds
4-H Livestock Barn**

**Lunch
Provided**

A fitting workshop where you will learn how to present your animal at your local 4-H fair/show.

Davonne Long will talk cattle.

Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador, Remmington Curry will talk sheep, goats, and pigs.

In-person YQCA will take place during the workshop.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of these programs, please contact the Holly Healy (618)713-5990 or Karen McKinney (618)384-8293.



Plastic Block Art Cloverbud Workshop: Beyond Building

April 3, 2024 3:30-4:30 PM

Youth ages 5-7

Registration Closes April 1

Sign Up Here:

**<https://go.illinois.edu/Waynecloverbudblocks>
or Scan the QR Code**



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Swine Weigh-in

When: Saturday, April 13th

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM



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Swine Weigh In is Saturday April 13th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Please let us know your Weigh-In Information by Wednesday April 10, 2024.

Ownership Dates:

Barrows: Farrowed on or after January 1, 2024 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2024.

Gilts: Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2024. Owned by exhibitor since June 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:
Barrow or Market Gilt - may weigh up to 5 animals. A barrow weighing over 85 pounds at initial weigh in will not be eligible to compete in the Rate of Gain contest.

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!



Goat Weigh-in

When: Saturday, May 4, 2023

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM



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Sheep Weigh-in

When: Saturday, May 4, 2023

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM



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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
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