

White County

4-H News

Wow!

Each and every year you amaze me on how we pull together for an awesome fundraiser. You sold 325 boneless pork loins, which once again exceeded our goal! Thank you!

Mark your calendars
April 2023

April 1 - YQCA face to face in Saline Co. 2:00

April 3 - Leather 3:30-5:00

April 11 - Oak Tree Planting - 4:30 @ Burrell Woods

April 13 - Cloverbuds - 3:30-4:30 @ Extension Office

April 16 - Experience Award Banquet - 3:00

April 20 - Work Night at the Garden - 5:00-?

April 24 - T-shirt design contest deadline!

**April 25 - Support Committee - 5pm
Livestock Committee - 6pm**

**April 27 - Cloverbuds - 3:30-4:30 @ GIFT Garden
Succulent Workshop 5:00**

Shooting Sports Shoots - TBA



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April 2023

Spring is here and many in-person events are being planned. Keep an eye on the newsletter, emails, and social media for updates.

Amy McCarty

Extension Program Coordinator/4-H

May 2023

May 1 - Project selection deadline

**May 4 - Federation - 5:00 @ GIFT Garden
Community Monthly Garden Lesson
@ 6:00-7:00**

**May 6 - Sheep & Goat Weigh-in @ 7:30
Unit 24 Livestock Skill-a-thon & YQCA @
9:00 Registration - Hamilton County**

May 11 - Cloverbuds - 3:30-4:30 @ Extension Office

**May 15 - Livestock Registration Forms
are due to the office**

May 30 - GIFT Garden Classes Begin @ 8:30-10:30

June 2023

**June 1 - YQCA & QAEC are due
Community Monthly Garden Meetings
@ 6:00-7:00**

June 11 - Rabbit Tattooing - TBA

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



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Publication orders will go in on April 15.</i>						1 <i>Saline Co. YQCA 2:00</i>
2	3	4 <i>Cora Sutton Emmaline Draper</i>	5 <i>Katelyn Davis Brecken Buttry</i>	6 <i>Kolby Kittinger</i>	7 <i>Kenley Black Kerrigan Black</i>	8
9 <i>Easter</i>	10	11 <i>Oak Tree Plating 4:30 Zeke Roser</i>	12	13 <i>Cloverbuds 3:30 Emma Legg</i>	14	15
16 <i>Experience Award Banquet 3:00</i>	17 <i>Nickolas Aldrich</i>	18 <i>Timothy Caudill</i>	19	20 <i>Work Night @ GIFT Garden 5:00</i>	21 <i>Elie Vollman</i>	22
23	24 <i>T-Shirt Design Deadline</i>	25 <i>Support/ Livestock Meetings Amy Dixon</i>	26	27 <i>Cloverbuds 3:30 Succulent Workshop 5:00 Reece Gholson</i>	28	29
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2023 Livestock Ownership Deadlines

Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show and White County.
If you are interested in State Fair, please ask for more specific guidelines.

STEERS & MARKET HEIFERS:

- Calved on or after January 1, 2022
 - Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2023
 - Tattooed & Tagged –
 - o **On or between the last Saturday in January (January 30, 2023) and February 28, 2023.**
- Beef weigh-in is February 4. (All Male & Females will be weighed and/or tagged)**
- o In addition to tattooing, steers that will be going to state fair are to be tagged with the electronic ID tags.

BARROWS:

- **Regular Barrows**
- o **Farrowed on or after December 15, 2022 (White County Livestock Show Only)** and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2023.

Swine weigh-in is March 25 @ 8am @ the Fairgrounds (All Male & Females will be weighed and/or tagged)

- **Premiere Barrows**
- o **Farrowed on or after February 10, 2023** and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2023
- o Weighed and Tattooed February 10 to April 15, 2023
- o Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0lbs/day of age
- o Junior exhibitors can purchase nominated barrows

SHEEP WETHERS:

- **Both Premiere & Live Show Wethers**
- o Lambled on or after January 1, 2023
- o Ownership Date – May 15, 2023
- o Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged – between March 15 and May 16, 2023.

Sheep & Goat weigh-in is May 6 @ 8:00am @ Fairgrounds. (All Male & Females will be weighed and/or tagged)

- **Weigh/Tattoo procedures for Open & Jr. Premiere & Live Show Wethers:**
- All lambs and meat goats to be exhibited at the State Fair MUST be taken to one of the statewide locations for weighing and tattooing. Each lamb will be tagged with an electronic ID tag, tattooed, weighed, and recorded on Lamb Nomination Forms from Dan Jennings.
- Specific information regarding each of the weigh-in locations & procedures will be forthcoming.**



MEAT GOATS

- Wethers – **Born on or after October 1, 2022**
- Tattooed in name of exhibitor only by May 15, 2023
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2023

Re-certification required for youth exhibiting livestock

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system will be required to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animal** certification (YQCA). This program is the industry-standard certification. Check with local offices about completing the training.

The training must be completed each year. yqcaprogram.org

Horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats will still be required to take the **Quality Assurance and Ethics** (QAEC) training. This training is only required once in the member's career.

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Face to face trainings are being planned for the Spring which will be \$3.00 online training will be \$12.00.
April 1 & May 6

After proof of completion the Livestock Committee will reimburse you for your training.



Tell Your 4-H Story – Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Monday, April 10**.

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW at <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/20152>. Registration will close April 7.



Come Help White County 4-H Federation Plant
Burrell Woods
April 11, 2023 @ 4:30

The 4-H Green Communities Tree Program is a cooperating venture between Illinois 4-H and the IASWCD Forestry Committee to purchase, distribute, and plant new oak savannahs throughout Illinois. By early April each year 25, 4' oak trees which will be planted on public properties utilizing 4-H youth and adult volunteer mentors. 31 counties planted savannahs in 2022 and 38 counties are planting in 2023.



T-Shirt Design Contest DEADLINE April 17

Sponsorship has been offered to purchase t-shirts for White County 4-H members and leaders again this year. Leaders please have all sizes to me by April 30!

Design a 4-H shirt for us and the shirt design will be chosen by April 24. You never know, it might be your design that will be on this year's shirt.

Remember, the 4-H Clover cannot be covered, turned, or changed and has to be green, white, or black.





Get your tackle ready!

The 2023

4-H Hooks-Us-Together Statewide Fishing Tournament

will run from April 1 – June, 30 2023.

Details on how to register coming in March!

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament



4-H Outdoor Skills Challenge returns for 2023!

Ready to challenge yourself and then prove it to your 4-H Leader or another trusted adult? You could teach them a thing or two! Learn these skill levels and compete for some great prizes that will help you enjoy the outdoors!

<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HOutdoorSkillsChallenge>



Work night at the Garden!

April 20, 2023

5:00 - ?

The White County 4-H GIFT Garden is starting to bloom! But, we need your help first to clean up from this past winter months. So bring your gloves and come help shovel mulch, compost into the raised beds, clean out flower beds, and start planting!



Final day to decide on projects.....

***The last day to change or add a project is May 1**

***Check what projects you are currently signed up for**

***Check the guidebook to see what exhibit you must bring for that project**

***Tell your leader any change you want to make before May 1**

***GET STARTED ON YOUR PROJECT EARLY**

Spring break is a perfect time to start!



Succulent Workshop

YOU CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS, BUT YOU CAN BUY SOME SUCCULENTS AND THAT'S PRETTY MUCH THE SAME THING!

April 27, 2023
5:00PM
White County 4-H GIFT Garden
RSVP by April 24

4-H MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO LEARN THE BASICS ON SOIL, WATER, CULTURE, AND METHODS ON HOW TO USE SUCCULENTS. ATTENDEES WILL GO HOME WITH A POT OF SUCCULENTS OF THEIR OWN.

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Livestock Skill-a-thon and YQCA in Hamilton County

LIVESTOCK CLINIC
 Skillathon, Judging Classes,
 & YQCA Training

Our annual Multi-County Livestock Skill-a-thon and YQCA training will be held a little later this spring than in the past. Last year it was very cold, and we are trying to avoid that, so it will be held on Saturday, May 6 at Burnt Hill Cattle Company located at 4815 Piopolis Road, Dahlgren, IL 62828.

We will start at 9 am.

Logan Karcher was a presenter last year and has agreed to host at his farm this year. He has cattle, sheep, chickens and produces meat for local distribution. It should be very interesting and youth will learn a lot.

All youth in attendance will complete their YQCA training but must pre-register at YQCAprogram.org and pay \$3 online when you register.



CONTAINER GARDENING 101

Help us get the garden ready for the 2023 season and learn how you can start a container garden at home!

May 4, 2023 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
White County 4-H GIFT Garden
603 E Main St.
Carmi, IL

Contact Amy McCarty for more information:
618-382-2662 or amccarty@illinois.edu

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WHITE COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION SHEET

Exhibitors of Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Goats and Rabbits **must have** the following information filled out and returned to the University of Illinois Extension office by **May 15** of each year.

All Market Animals (including beef, sheep, and goat) **not** weighed in and tattooed at weigh-ins must be tattooed and reported to the office **within 10 days** of the weigh-in. They will have to be ear notched/tagged and written on this sheet. **UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE UNDERSTAND THERE MIGHT NOT BE A WEIGH-IN. WE WILL WORK THROUGH THAT TOGETHER!**

NOTICE: Pens will be assigned by Amy and/or the Livestock Superintendents this year. Please state the minimum number of pens you will need for each species.

Sheep _____
Goats _____

Swine _____
All swine will be dry

Species (cattle, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit)	Breed (and Registration Number if Registered Purebred)	Birth Date of Animal	Sex of Animal	Tattoo, Tag, or Ear Notch Number

My 4-H animal project (s) will be kept at the following address:

I understand that I am responsible for the care and feeding of my animal project (s).

Name: _____
Club: _____



**Return to the Extension Office or email to amccarty@illinois.edu by MAY 15.
Projects not entered by May 15 will NOT be allowed to sell in the Livestock Auction.**

DIMENSION	COLUMN A <i># of club / individual experiences</i>	COLUMN B <i># of county experiences</i>	COLUMN C <i># of unit-wide/ regional experiences</i>	COLUMN D <i># of state/ national experiences</i>
PARTICIPATION	Norris City Mayor Signing Grayville Mayor Signing Enfield Mayor Signing	Sept 1 - National 4-H Week Theme Contest Sept 1 - Federation Sept. 1 - 4-H Rally Oct Carmi Mayor Signing Oct 8 - Corn Day Events Evening of Excellence Gingerbread House Workshop Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Guidebook Cover Contest T-shirt Design Contest	Experience Award Banquet	National 4-H Spirit Week American Idol
COMMUNITY SERVICE		Sept 3 - Grayville Parade Sept 24 - Norris City Parade October 1 - Enfield Parade October 8 - Corn Day Parade CWC School Spirit Canned Food Drive Salvation Army Ringing Bell Clean up Night at GIFT Garden - April 20	Grayville Go-Getter's Plastic Lid Drive Brownsville School Plastic Lid Drive Centerville Ripsnorter's Veteran's Day Drive T-Shirt Bag Making Workshop - Oct 22 Unit 24 Chili Supper & Haunted Walk Homeless Veterans Drive Cosmic Bowling Hygiene Drive Trivia Night	National 4-H Day of Service (Must Register to be able to count) - Tree Planting April 11
LEADERSHIP	Club Officers	PSA's Leadership Role at: Federation Meeting Cloverbud Meetings GIFT Garden Classes Expansion & Review Comm.		Jr. Leadership Conference National 4-H Conf. Legislative Comm. Speaking for Ill. 4-H
PROJECT LEARNING	Shooting Sports SPIN Club GIFT Garden SPIN Club	Shooting Sports SPIN Club GIFT Garden SPIN Club Leather SPIN Club Teen Teachers SPIN Club Pumpkin Decorating Contest Scarecrow Challenge (Heritage Arts)- Nov. 1 Christmas Wreath Workshop (Interior Design) - Nov. 12 Livestock Weigh-ins Community Nights @ the Garden Succulent Workshop - April 27	White County 4-H GIFT Garden Class - Oct 6 4-H Kayak Club Ornament Workshop - Dec. 3 Unit 24 Winter Paint Jam - Jan 16 Unit 24 Beef Clinic - Feb. 4 Unit 24 Public Presentations - March 23 Unit 24 Livestock Skill-a-thon May 6	State Shotgun Shoot Livestock Skill-a-thon November 5 Junior Livestock Conf. - Jan 21 & 22 Georgia Boot Trail-blazer Contest Public Speaking Contest 4/29/23 Illini Summer Academies 6/25-29 4-H Hooks Us Together 4-H Outdoor Skills Challenge

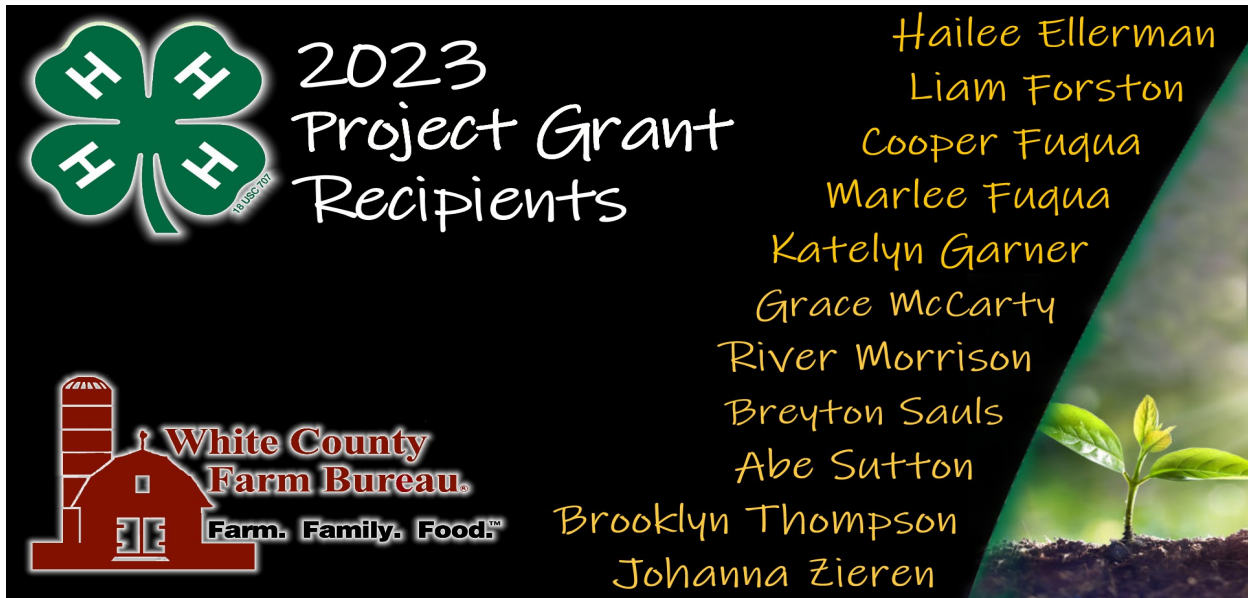
White County 4-Hers awarded 2023 Project Grants

The White County Farm Bureau is pleased to award eleven White County 4-Hers with a 2023 4-H Project Grant.

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 White 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 White County Farm Bureau Facebook page.

Congratulations to our 2023 4-H Project grant winners!



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