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4-H NEWSLETTER

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Wayne County 4-H**

Congratulations

Wayne County was well represented at the 4-H State Shoot at Bunker Hill. Alex Paul, Jakeb Paul and Lily Simpson all competed and all brought home awards. Jakeb won the event shooting a 95. Lily & Alex both shot a 92 and had to compete in a shoot off with 3 others and in the end, Alex received 5th place and Lily came home with 9th. These kids did an exceptional job representing Wayne County.



New to Wayne County this year is our 4-H Ambassadors! These 6 4-H members will be taking on the role of recruiting and promoting 4-H throughout Wayne County. Somethings you can find them at this fall are the Lions and Rotary Club, in the schools promoting 4-H to youth and helping with recruitment events. If you would like for the Ambassadors to present at your club meeting or any organization in Wayne County please reach out to Ryan.

Our 2023-2024 Ambassadors are (L to R Maggie Koontz, Jacey Smith, Lily Simpson, Alex Paul, Hunter Kirk, not pictured Isaiah Anderson)



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October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Pickleball Night 6 PM	3 Dodgeball Night 6:30-8 PM	4 Family Night	5 Board Game/Movie Night 7 PM	6 4-H Carnival Night 6 PM ZSuite Open for enrollment	7
8	9 Fall Workshop 10-11 AM	10	11 6:30 PM Wayne City 4-H Club Meeting 6:30 PM Enterprisers 4-H Club Meeting	12	13 Office Closed for Staff Meeting	14 Foundation Fish Fry
15 2 PM Shooting Sports Club Meeting	16	17	18 Federation Meeting 7 PM	19	20	21 7:00 PM 4-H Country Club Meeting
22	23	24	25 New Hope Lucky Clovers 4-H Club Meeting @ Pumpkin Patch 4-6 PM	26	27	28 Shooting Sports Instructor Training
29	30	31				

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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5	6	7	8 6:30 PM Wayne City 4-H Club Meeting 6:30 PM Enterprisers 4-H Club Meeting	9	10 6:00 PM Achievement Night	11	
12	13 6-7 PM Livestock Judging Practice	14	15 Extension Annual Conference		16	17	18 New Member Workshop 9-11 am Officer Training 1-3 pm 7:00 PM 4-H Country Club Meeting
19	20	21	22 New Hope Lucky Clovers 4-H Club Meeting 6 PM	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25	
26	27 6-7 PM Livestock Judging Practice	28	29	30			



Awards Food Fun

YOU ARE INVITED!!
Wayne County
Achievement Night
NOVEMBER | 10 | 2023

6:00 PM DINNER
6:30 PM AWARDS
PRESENTATION

CUMBERLAND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
1700 OUTER W
DELAWARE ST,
FAIRFIELD, IL 62837



Please RSVP by emailing

jasimpso@illinois.edu or calling 618-842-3702 by

October 1, 2023

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WAYNE COUNTY WORKSHOPS 2023-2024

New Member Workshop/Club
Officer Training

Christmas Ornaments Ages 5-18

Clothing and Textiles-Sewing

Candle Making



Charcuterie Boards

Cloverbud-Animals

Livestock Workshops



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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

4-H IS A FEELING OCTOBER 1ST-7TH, 2023

MONDAY PICKLEBALL NIGHT

Join the Pickleball Players of Wayne County for Family Pickleball Night! No Pickleball experience is needed, WCPP will provide everything needed to play and teach everyone how to play. We will meet at the Lakeside Tennis Courts at 6 PM. Registration is limited so sign up today! Registration Link is found on the back of this page. Risk Form needed.

TUESDAY DODGEBALL NIGHT

Dodgeball Tournament at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for 4-H'ers and their friends age 8 and older. 7th grade and younger will play in separate games from the 8th grade and older. Games are from 7:00-8:00 pm with registration being at 6:30 pm. Drinks will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own as long as it has a lid. Must bring a canned good to participate. Risk Form needed.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT

4-H Green Day & Family Night, wear your 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 things you would like to see in Wayne County this year and share with us your ideas and pictures on our Facebook Page University of Illinois Extension-Wayne County 4-H.

THURSDAY BOARD GAME/MOVIE NIGHT

Join us at the Wayne County Extension office at 7 PM for all the Board Games you can imagine while we watch a movie and enjoy snacks! Bring a friend to show them all the fun things we do in 4-H.

FRIDAY 4-H CARNIVAL NIGHT

4-H Members and anyone in Wayne County are invited to come to the 4-H Carnival to end our 4-H Week Celebration. There is no cost to participate and there will be games for all ages! If you know of anyone interested in joining Wayne County 4-H, invite them to come and talk to our Leaders and Extension Staff! We invite 4-H Members to bring projects for the community members to look at to get an idea of what 4-H offers. Games are from 6:00-8:00 PM.

This will be such a fun week and we hope to see everyone there! Be on the look out for things around the community from our Wayne County 4-H Ambassadors!



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National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, 4-H Is A Feeling, we are lifting up youth voices and showing families that 4-H is more than a feeling, 4-H provides empowering experiences that create confidence and foster a sense of real belonging for kids everywhere. 4-H provides youth a place to feel valued, heard, and connected. Be part of something bigger.

Members, volunteers, and alumni show your 4-H pride and wear a clover!
Use the #National4HWeek as you share your 4-H activities on social media

Participate in Spirit Week and share your photos! Tag @illinois4H on Instagram or send us your post in Facebook Messenger for a chance to be featured on our stories/feed:
Service Project Sunday 10/1 – Give back to your community today with an individual or club service project.

Member Monday 10/2 – Show that you are a proud 4-H member!
Post a picture of yourself in your 4-H shirt with five reasons why you love 4-H on socials/stories.

Time Machine Tuesday 10/3– Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career vs. now.

Why 4-H Wednesday 10/4 – Share why someone should join 4-H either in person or on social media/stories.

Thankful Thursday 10/5 – Thank someone who supported you in 4-H!

Favorite Project Friday 10/6 – Share a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project.

Spirit Saturday 10/7 - Show your 4-H spirit! Wear your favorite 4-H shirt today!

Family Pickleball Night Registration Link



go.illinois.edu/Waynepickleball



**YOU'RE INVITED!
TO PART 1 OF 2 IN THE
WAYNE COUNTY
NEW MEMBER WORKSHOP SERIES**



WHEN: NOVEMBER 18TH
WHERE: WAYNE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
TIME: 9-11 AM
RSVP BY NOVEMBER 15TH BY CALLING THE
EXTENSION OFFICE



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618-842-3702

You asked and we listened! The Wayne County New Member Workshop is now 2 meetings for you and your new member to attend!

During Part 1, you will learn all about the 4-H program, learn about project records, books, and get help with enrollment. Part 2 in March 2024 will cover everything Fair and how to be successful for the Fair plus members and their parents will get help with records and awards! Parents will get answers to any of their questions in both meetings!

First year members and one parent should plan to attend.

Call the office to RSVP today! 618-842-3702. Please RSVP by November 15th.

WAYNE COUNTY 4-H CLUB



OFFICER TRAINING

Saturday November 18, 2023

1:00-3:00 P.M.

**ALL Club Officers are expected to attend
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All Club Officers should plan on attending the 2023 Officer Training! Each officer will get to learn the importance of their role in the 4-H Club and how to be a successful officer. Club leaders should send Ryan a list of their officers ASAP so we can make sure every officer gets the correct booklet and information needed.



Wayne County 4-H Livestock Judging Team

Practices 2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month

6:00 PM

Wayne County Extension Office



Livestock Judging is back in Wayne County!

Any youth 8-18 can join the Wayne County 4-H Livestock Judging Team! Join us Monday November 13th at 6 PM for the first practice. Wayne County 4-H Alumni Hallie (Anderson) Littlejohn will be the coach.

Everyone is welcome to join the team. If you have never judged we will teach you! FFA members are also welcome! Livestock Judging encompasses Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goats. We will also prep youth for Quiz Bowls, Skill-A-Thons, and Meat Judging. If you have any interest in learning more about how these animals are judged, how to pick your animal for the 4-H year, or just want to be a Livestock Judge in the future now is the time to start!

Want more information or have questions? Contact Ryan Littlejohn at rclittle@illinois.edu or call 618-842-3702



Enrollment Information

- You should have received in the mail instructions for re-enrolling.
- Zsuite opens for enrollment on October 6, 2023.
- You also received a green packet for ordering project manuals. This is due December 1 or March 1. Those are the only 2 orders we will be placing.
- You will not be approved and considered active until the \$20 program fee is paid.
- If you have questions while going through the enrollment process, please call Jessica at the office before proceeding.
- If you are a returning member you will not create a new account.