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Wabash County 4–H

NEWSLETTER



CLUB MEETINGS:



December:

18th - Town & Country 6:00 p.m.

20th - Twisters 6:00 p.m.

20th - Sprouts 6:00 p.m.

January:

17th - Twisters 6:00 p.m.

17th - Sprouts 6:00 p.m.

20th - Hi-Flyers 9:00 a.m.

22nd - Town & Country 6:00 p.m.



REMINDER:

Returning members must re-enroll by January 1, 2024!

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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.
If you need reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact your local office. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.









December 2023



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	9:30 am Holiday Workshop
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	6:00 pm Town & Country 4-H Club Meeting	19 Office Closed	20 6:00 pm Twisters 4-H Club Meeting 6:00 pm Sprouts 4-H Club Meeting	21	22	23
24	Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30

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January 2024 💥



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	6:00 pm Twisters 4-H Club Meeting 6:00 pm Sprouts 4-H Club Meeting	18	19	9:00 am Hi-Flyers 4-H Club Meeting
21	6:00 pm Town & Country 4-H Club Meeting	23 Candle making Workshop	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			3



December 2023

ENROLLMENT





- Returning members must be re-enrolled by <u>January 1st</u>
 - Returning members will <u>not</u> create a new account
 - You can change your projects in ZSuite after enrolling up until March 1st
- New members have until March 1st to enroll
- If you have questions while going through the enrollment process, please call our office at 618-262-5725.

REMINDER

• Every 4-H member will be required to attend **FOUR** 4-H meetings in order to show at the fair. This can be club meetings or workshops that the Extension office hosts.

PUBLICATIONS

What are publications?

 Publications are guidebooks that allow you to gain skills on your projects. Some projects require the publication to complete your project for fair but for other projects the publications aren't really needed. If you need help making this decision please talk to your club leader or reach out to the Extension office.

Please only order the books you NEED!

• If you have books from the past couple of years that you would like to donate back to the Extension office so we can re-use them please drop them by!

To request an order:

• This year we will be using the same online form to order your publications. Everyone needs to have their publication orders in by **January 1, 2023.** Once the publications arrive at our office we will contact you to deliver them to your club meetings.

Scan to order







January 2024

LIVESTOCK OWNERSHIP DEADLINES

If you are planning to show any of the following animals at the fair you must have ownership by the dates listed below as set by the state.

- January 1:
 - Performance Cows
 - Dairy Cows & Heifers
- February 1:
 - Steers
- May 15:
 - Sheep
 - Meat Goats
- June 25:
 - Sheep Ewes & Rams

• June 1:

- Barrows
- Heifers
- Swine Gilts
- Horse & Pony
- Dogs
- Dairy Goats
- Rabbits, Pygmy goats, & Poultry



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**. We will schedule a few in-person trainings in early 2024, or you can take the training online. Look for more information to come on dates.

QUALITY ASSURANCE and ETHIC CERTIFICATION (QAEC)

All 4-H'ers who are exhibiting horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs, & and cats MUST complete online QAEC to show at the fair. This is a **one-time** certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All new members enrolled in these projects and/or any members who have not taken it before must complete the certification by June 1. You can find the online training at: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec. Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records. If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension office.







January 2024

BEEF WEIGH-IN

Watch our Facebook page for more information to come! Per state regulations this has to occur between January 27 - February 29, 2024.



FARM CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Thirty \$2,500 Agriculture Scholarships are available to high school seniors who will study an ag-related curricula or trade in a college or vocational school next fall and pursue a career on the farm or in the industry. Scan the QR code to the left to learn more or to apply.

Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs and FFA chapters implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club and chapter members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live.

Scan the QR code to the right to learn more or to apply.



CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP

Watch our Facebook page for more information to come on a Candle Making Workshop to be held in January!



November Recap: Sewing Workshop















