



White County

4-H News

February 2024



Love is in the Air

February in 4-H world is filling up fast, just like everyone else's world!

Lots of important information is included in this newsletter like workshops, trainings, scholarships, grants for clubs and 4-H'ers, and important dates to remember.

This year the Support Committee is going to be having a half boneless pork loin sale once again along with ribs to purchase. More information will be in the March newsletter!! Get the word out and let's make this a successful fundraiser!

Amy McCarty
Extension Program Coordinator/4-H

Mark your calendars

February 2024

February 1 First Cloverbud Mtg. 3:30-4:30
Federation Meeting - 5:00
(Note earlier time)

February 3 Beef Weigh-In @ 8AM @
Fairgrounds
Maple Syrup Workshop -
Dixon Springs Ag Center

February 9 Cosmic Bowling 6:00
Muddy Illinois
(School Supply Drive -
Comm. Service Project)

February 15 Cloverbuds Meeting 3:30-4:30

Pork Loin Sale PSA's - February 15 - 3-4:00
February 19 - 10-11:00
February 21 - 3-4:00

Leather Workshop Series - Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, 18, and 25

March 2023

March 4 Hamilton County Trivia Night

March 5, 7, & 9 Hunter Safety Course

March 7 Cloverbuds - 3:30-4:30

TBA Federation - 5:00
Tentatively Painting Trash Cans

March 10 Experience Award Winner Banquet

March 12 Unit 24 Electrical Workshop - 6:00 – 8:00
@ Ext. Office

March 15 Pork Loin Pre-Order Sale Deadline

March 21 Cloverbuds - 3:30 - 4:30
Unit 24 Public Presentations - 6:00 @
Extension Office

March 23 Swine Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds @ 8 AM

March 30 Support Committee Pork Loin/Rib Sale Pick up
2:30-5:30 @ 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.



February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>If you need a publication let Amy know by the 16th Will order once a month!</i></p> <p><i>PSA Recordings Feb. 15 & 21 3:00-4:00</i> <i>Feb. 19 10:00-11:00</i></p> <p><i>Let Amy know what day you can record</i></p>				<p>1 <i>Cloverbuds</i> 3:30-4:30</p> <p><i>Federation</i> 5:00</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 <i>Cattle Weigh-in</i> 8:00</p> <p><i>Joseph Williams</i></p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 <i>Claire Simmons</i></p>	<p>9 <i>Gannon Boren</i> <i>Phil Healy</i></p> <p><i>Cosmic Bowling</i> 6:00</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 <i>Braden Tomm</i></p> <p><i>Briggs Marsh</i></p>	<p>12 <i>Amy Buchanan</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 <i>Finley Weiss</i></p>	<p>15 <i>PSA's 3-4:00</i></p> <p><i>Cloverbuds</i> 3:30-4:30</p> <p><i>Lincoln Draper</i></p>	<p>16 <i>Jennifer Carter-James</i></p> <p><i>Jaylea Owens</i></p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 <i>Cade Marshall</i> <i>Aurellia Williams</i></p>	<p>19 <i>PSA's 10:00-11:00</i></p> <p><i>Kendall Brodie</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 <i>PSA's 3-4:00</i></p>	<p>22 <i>Wren Morrison</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 <i>Quinn Forston</i></p>	<p>26 <i>Leather Workshop</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p><i>Congratulations to Zoe Beth Caudill for her Guidebook Cover Design!</i></p>	

2024 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, 2023
- Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2024
- Tattooed & Tagged –
 - o On or between the last Saturday in January (January 27, 2024) and February 29, 2024.

Beef weigh-in is February 3. (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, 2023 (White County Livestock Show Only) and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2024.

Swine weigh-in is March 23 @ 8am @ the Fairgrounds

(All Male & Females will be weighed and/or tagged)

- Premiere Barrows

- o Farrowed on or after February 10, 2024 and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2024

o Weighed and Tattooed February 10 to April 15, 2024

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, 2024

o Ownership Date – May 15, 2024

o Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged – between March 15 and May 15, 2024.

Sheep & Goat weigh-in is May 4 @ 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, 2023**

- Tattooed in name of exhibitor only by May 15, 2024

- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2024



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. <http://yqca.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.
After proof of completion the Livestock Committee will reimburse you for your training.

Youth 5 - 7 years of age **can join 4-H** as a 4-H Cloverbud!
\$10 covers ALL your costs for 8 meetings.

The meetings will be 3:30 - 4:30 on Thursdays ...

Feb. 1	Feb. 15	Mar. 7	Mar. 21	Apr. 4
	Apr. 18	May 2	May 16	

All meetings will be held at the U of I Extension Building in Carmi, unless stated otherwise.



The next regular Federation business meeting will be held on

Thursday, February 1

5:30pm

Extension Office



The eighth annual Backyard Maple Syrup Production Workshop is being held on Saturday, February 3rd at the [Dixon Springs Agricultural Center - Illinois Extension](#) in southern Illinois. Come join us for a free outdoor program to learn about making maple syrup. The program starts at 10am.

Before the workshop, we are also hosting a pancake breakfast as a 4H fundraiser. Join us at 8:30 for pancakes and real maple syrup made right here at the Ag Center (\$10 per person, \$8 for kids 10 and under).

Register for the program by calling 618-695-2441 or at <https://go.illinois.edu/MapleWorkshop>

UNIT 24 COSMIC BOWLING

Calling All 4-H Members and Volunteers...You are invited to a fun evening of COSMIC BOWLING at Ross Cotton Lanes on **Friday Night, February 9, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** The cost is only **\$4.00** per game, per person. If you bowl 2 games or more, the shoe rental will be waived.

We are joining 4-H members from Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, and White Counties for a fun Unit #24 Bowling night! This will be a great time to meet 4-H members from other counties and renew old friendships.

Don't forget to bring your bowling money and extra money for snacks and drinks.
In order to have enough lanes reserved, you must RSVP by February 2nd!

COSMIC BOWLING COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are collecting school supplies for our area grade schools to help them finish out the year.

We ask that families attending Cosmic Bowling bring any of the following items if possible:

Box of crayons (no larger than 24/box), box of markers, package of #2 pencils, package of colored pencils, package of glue sticks, youth-sized scissors.

Thanks so much for your generosity!



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, February 19.**

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/25246> .

Registration will close February 17.

Farm Credit Illinois Community Improvement Grants

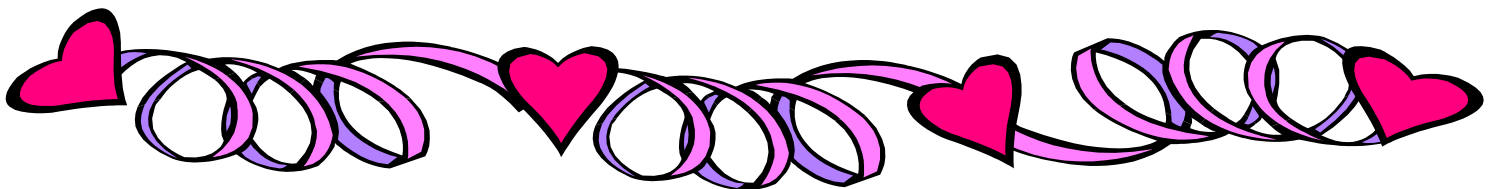


Farm Credit Services Illinois Community

Improvement Grant is inviting 4-H Clubs to apply for a **\$500** grant to assist club members in being positive change agents by making their local communities better places to live. Eligible clubs are those located in one of the counties served by Farm Credit Services Illinois which includes 14 Extension Units in southern & central Illinois. Applications are due March 1, 2024.

Use the following URL for more information and to connect to the online application:

<http://www.farmcreditiil.com/resources/community/grants/Pages/default.aspx>



4-H Project Grants Available



The White County Farm Bureau is pleased to sponsor the 2024 4-H Project Grant Program for White County 4-Hers.

The 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.

4-Hers ages 8-14 are eligible to apply. Applications must be completed by the 4-Her and signed off by a parent/guardian and the 4-H Club Leader. Applications are due March 1, 2024.

Applications are available from 4-H club leaders, the White County Extension office, and the White County Farm Bureau.

Applications can also be downloaded at www.whitecfb.com.

If you have questions regarding requirements of the 4-H Project Grant Program, please call the Farm Bureau office (618) 382-8512.

Leather Craft Workshop Series

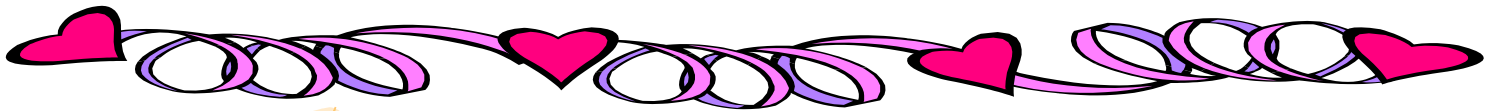


Charlie Nolan is going to provide a leather workshop/SPIN club once again starting the last week of February if there will be enough interest!

**Please let Charlie or Amy know if you would be interested in participating!
For ages 10 and older**



**Beginners will make three bookmarks or coasters- \$6.00.
Non-beginners will have the chance to make a belt, billfold, checkbook cover, clutch purse, dog collar, guitar strap, rifle sling, knife sheath kit, book cover, keepsake box, photo frame, etc. - \$10.00 and up for these items.
We will have to let Charlie know ASAP so he can get them ordered.
Call 382-2662 to sign up.**



Area Hunters Can Earn Certification

Area residents will have an opportunity to learn basic principles of safe hunting at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources hunter safety certification course. Participants must attend **all 10 hours** of instruction and pass the test to receive their certification.

The workshop times are Tuesday, March 5 & Thursday, March 7 from 6-8pm and Saturday, March 9, 9am-3pm at the U of I Extension Office.

The course is geared toward youth, but older hunters are also encouraged to attend the classes since many states now require out-of-state hunters to show proof of certification. A 1996 Illinois law requires that all hunters born after Jan. 1, 1980 must successfully complete the hunter education course before they can receive their first hunting license. Participants completing the course receive a hunter

education certification card which verifies they have passed the course.

The ten-hour course includes instruction in wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques and regulations. The lead instructor will be Bobby Lamp.

Pre-registration is not required, but would be helpful. To register, one may call the Extension office at 382-2662 by March 6.

Space is limited to 50 participants.



Unit 24

Electrical Workshop

Create a basic circuit/simple switch
(Electrical 1 Project).

There will be a limit of 15-20 kids, so
please call the Carmi Extension office
@ 618-382-2662 to reserve your spot!

**Sponsored By: Carmi Lumber
Company**

When: March 12 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Where: White County Extension Office
1715 College Ave
Carmi, IL 62821**

Fee: \$5.00



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Unit 24 Public Presentations Contest & Demonstrations

Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope,
Saline and White Counties



**Open to 4-H participants enrolled in
Public Presentations**

and

**Demonstrations open to enrolled
Horticulture and Foods 4-H participants**

**March 21, 2024
6:00 PM**

**White Co U of I
Extension Office:**

1715 College Ave
Carmi, IL 62821

Deadline to enroll: March 18, 2024

**Contact your local Extension Office to enroll
and for any questions.**



Community Service Project

Donations of non-perishable food
items will be accepted for the
White County Blessing Boxes



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White Co 4-H Support Committee

PORK LOIN & RIB SALE



(SCAN HERE TO ORDER)

**U OF I EXTENSION OFFICE
1715 COLLEGE AVE. CARMi, IL 62821**

**HALF BONELESS
PORK LOIN - \$25.00
RACK OF RIBS - \$30.00**

**PRE-ORDERS DUE BY MARCH 15, 2024
MONEY DUE AT THE TIME OF PICK UP
OR PAY ONLINE**

**PICK UP - MARCH 30
2:30-5:30**

Money raised by the Support Committee:

- Helps fund trips
- Pays part of youth 4-H enrollment
- Provides a discount on 4-H project manuals
- Helps purchase awards

**This is the main fundraiser of the year,
your support is greatly appreciated!**

3 easy ways to Pre-Order:

Google Docs: <https://go.illinois.edu/PorkLoinAndRibSale>

Call: 618-382-2662

Email: amccarty@illinois.edu

(Name, phone number, and amount required on all orders.)

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 7 - Federation Sept. 7 - 4-H Rally Oct Carmi Mayor Signing Oct 5 - Federation Nov. 2 - Federation Dec. 7 - Federation/Lights Judging	Hamilton County Haunted Trail Unit 24 4-H Fall Party	National 4-H Spirit Week Activities
COMMUNITY SERVICE		Sept 2 - Grayville Days Parade Hygiene Products for CCC Sept. 11 - Serving at Retired Teacher's Dinner Sept 23 - Mule Days Parade October 7 - Enfield Parade Oct 12 - Cake Walk October 14 - Corn Day Parade Dessert Baking Contest (Donation to Grayville Senior Center) Support Comm. Pork Loin Sale	Thank you cards for Southern Illinois Veterans Honor Flight October Food Challenge Socks for 4C's Homeless Shelter T-Shirt Bag Workshop Centerville Ripsnorter's Veteran's Day Drive Cosmic Bowling - School Supplies	National 4-H Day of Service - Honor Flight Blankets
LEADERSHIP	Club Officers	PSA's Leadership Role at: Federation Meeting Cloverbud Meetings GIFT Garden Classes Expansion & Review Comm.		National 4-H Conf. Legislative Conn. Speaking for Ill. 4-H Jr. Leadership Conf. Nov 4-5
PROJECT LEARNING		Shooting Sports SPIN Club GIFT Garden SPIN Club Leather SPIN Club Grayville Pie Baking Contest Pumpkin Decorating Contest Gingerbread House Workshop Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Hunter Safety Course	String Art Workshop Virtual Ornament Making Workshop Eclipse Glasses Design Contest Hamilton Co. Cabin Fever Day Maple Syrup Workshop Electrical Workshop Public Presentations	State Shotgun Shoot QAEC/YQCA Morning Ag Clips Photo Contest Taste of Language Native American Heritage Month Ukrainian Cuisine Calling All Artists, Creators, & Performers



♥ happy ♥
Valentine's
♥ day ♥

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