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4-H NEWSLETTER

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Wayne County 4-H**



Public Speaking Contest



Tuesday, March 26, 2024

7:00 PM

Wayne County Extension Office

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618-842-3702

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Did you know over 75% of adults have a fear of public speaking to some degree? But not 4-H members! We want to challenge you to learn, explore, and grow in your public speaking this year! Make plans to give a demonstration, practice your exhibit skills, and work toward qualifying for the State Public Speaking Contest this year. This is your time to develop skills you'll use for a lifetime!

Members who enroll in the Public Speaking project are encouraged to participate! Not enrolled in this project? You have until March 1 to sign up!

To register call the office at (618) 842-3702. Questions? Contact Ryan at rlittle@illinois.edu or call the office.

Categories you can compete in:

Formal speech – shares the presenter's own unique view and is intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth may deliver a speech on any topic they wish.

Illustrated Speech – may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two-dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation.

Illustrated speeches may be:

- How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.
- Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.
- Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

Original works – must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry/Spoken Word
- Broadcast Media Program
- Theatrical
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Oral Interpretation – presentations must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Theatrical Interpretation
- Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure, such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms



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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.

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Enrollment Deadline Publication order deadline	2
3	4	5 6:30 PM Country Kids 4- H Club Meeting	6 5:30 PM Robotics Club Meeting	7	8	9
10	11 6-7 PM Livestock Judging Practice	12	13 6:30 PM Enterprisers 4-H Club Meeting (YQCA) 6:30 PM Wayne City 4-H Club Meeting	14	15	16 New Member Workshop 1-3 7:00 PM 4-H Country Club Meeting (YQCA)
17 2-4 PM Shooting Sports Club Meeting	18	19	20 5:30 PM Robotics Club Meeting 6 PM Federation Meeting	21	22 Family Resource Night at Cisne High School	23
24	25 6-7 PM Livestock Judging Practice	26 7 PM Public Speaking Contest	27 New Hope Lucky Clovers 4-H Club Meeting 6 PM (YQCA) Office Closed for Staff Meeting	28	29 Wayne County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Due	30
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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 4-H Club Meeting 6:30 PM Wayne City 4-H Club Meeting	11	12	13 Swine Weigh In
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28	29 Conservation Day	30 Conservation Day				

YOU'RE INVITED
TO THE
WAYNE COUNTY
NEW MEMBER WORKSHOP SERIES



The Wayne County New Member Workshop is back for you and your new member to attend!

During your time with us, you will learn all about the 4-H program, learn about project records, books, and awards, plus parents will get answers to any of their questions!

First or Second year members and one parent should plan to attend.

Call the office to RSVP today! 618-842-3702. Please RSVP by March 8th.

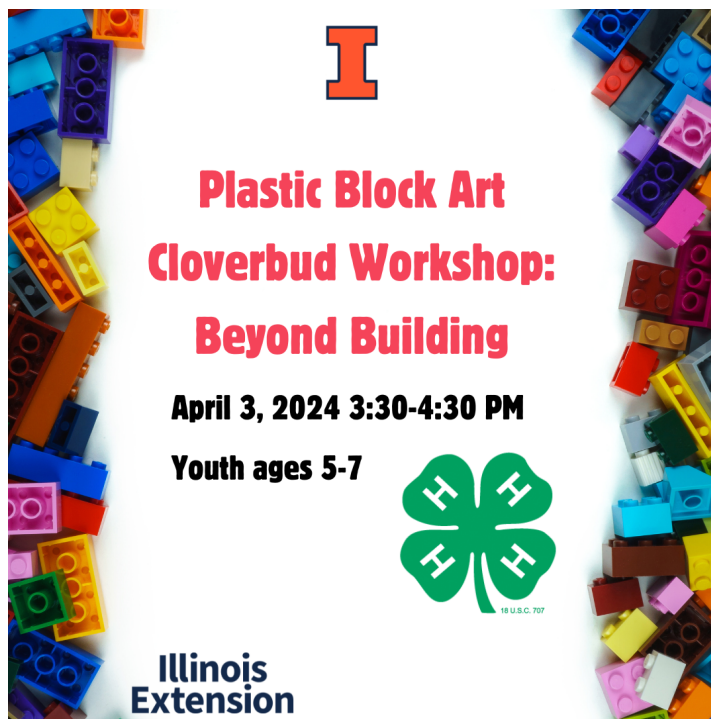
WHEN: MARCH 16TH
WHERE: WAYNE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
TIME: 1-3 PM
RSVP BY MARCH 8TH BY CALLING THE EXTENSION OFFICE



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**Plastic Block Art
Cloverbud Workshop:
Beyond Building**

April 3, 2024 3:30-4:30 PM
Youth ages 5-7



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Plastic Block Art Cloverbud Workshop: Beyond Building

To celebrate a world of creativity and innovation, Wayne County 4-H wants to introduce to Cloverbuds the possibilities of plastic building blocks beyond the realm of traditional structures. Using LEGO's Cloverbuds will make more than just a building or LEGO Kit. Whatever creation is in their imagination can come to reality and be taken to the Fair as their Cloverbud Project!

The Plastic Block Art Cloverbud Workshop will take place Wednesday, April 3 from 3:30-4:30 PM. This workshop is open to anyone ages 5-7.

Registration is limited so sign up today! Register here:
<https://go.illinois.edu/Wayneclorbudblocks>





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.

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.

Scholarship

Wayne County 4-H Foundation is offering a \$500 scholarship to three high school seniors who wish to continue their education. Scholarship applications are available with the guidance counselors at Cisne, Fairfield, and Wayne City High Schools, as well as the extension office. The completed application, with supporting documentation, is due to the extension office by Friday, March 29, 2024, by 4:30 p.m.

★ 21st Annual ★
4-H DAY

with the

Cardinals

TICKET ONLY

\$30

*All sales final

T-SHIRT INCLUDED!



SATURDAY

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MAY

CARDINALS

VS

RED SOX

4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the Red Sox!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 29

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Additional raffle tickets available for \$1.00. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusions for additional prizes.)

REGISTER HERE:

<https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2024>

*Please note - groups that wish to sit together **MUST** submit **ONE** order.

TICKET/T-SHIRT QUESTIONS? Contact Rhonda Shafer at shaferr@missouri.edu

PARADE/RAFFLE QUESTIONS? Contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu



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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		STATE SHOTGUN SHOOT 9-23-23