



# Edwards County 4-H Happenings!



August 2024

## Calendar of 4-H Events

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### August

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this program please contact the  
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at 618-445-2934. Early requests  
are strongly encouraged to allow  
sufficient time for meeting you  
access needs.

- 11 General Project Day at the Illinois State Fair
- 13 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Christian Church
- 17 Project Showcase at DuQuoin State Fair
- 20 Blue Ribbon Mtg. 6:30 p.m. COUNTRY Financial Hall
- 21 Yankees Mtg., 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
- 23-24 Regional Livestock at DuQuoin State Fair
- 28 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at LPCC

### September

- 1 **New 4-H Year Starts!**



**We appreciate the support of all the leaders, volunteers and families  
that helped make the Edwards County 4-H shows a success!**

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# Edwards County 4-H



## Award Forms

It will soon be time to have award forms completed for the 2023-2024 4-H year. All forms for County Awards can be found on the Extension Website:

<http://extension.illinois.edu/elrww> If you are planning on applying for an award, please plan on attending Achievement Night.

## Project Books

If you have project books that are gently used and not written in, please return them to the Extension office. They will be put to good use, another member can use them.

## Sr. Federation

All high school age 4-H members are urged to join Sr. Federation. If you want more information, contact Debbie Fearn or attend the next meeting. Watch the Edwards Co. 4-H Facebook page for date of the next meeting.

## 4-H Year Begins September 1

The new 2024-2025 4-H year begins September 1, 2024. Youth ages 8-18 by September 1, 2024 may enroll as a 4-H member. Youth ages 5-7 by September 1, 2024 can enroll as a Tag-A-Long. Invite a friend to your next meeting and encourage classmates to join the fun of 4-H!

## Shooting Sports

If you know of someone that would like to volunteer their time for our Shooting Sports Club, have them contact or stop by the Extension office.

## Record Collection Coming Soon!

Records collection date is not decided. You can be getting them completed to turn back into the office. They will have to be turned into the office to show completion of your projects and to get a pin at Achievement Night. Please note: All secretary and treasurer books MUST be turned in by this deadline!

## Achievement Night

Achievement Night date has not been set at this time. But, we hope all members and families will be in attendance. We will be celebrating the great year we have had in Edwards County 4-H!

## Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Martha Speir, she was inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. Martha will receive recognition on Sunday, August 11 at the Illinois State Fair!

## State Fair Day

Edwards County will be represented well on State Fair Day, on August 11. We have several of our youth going to participate with their General and Food Projects that were named State Fair Delegates at the local shows. GOOD LUCK to all!



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### **Edwards County 4-H Dog Show Results**

In the Dog Care portion of the Edwards County 4-H Dog Show held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024. Alyssa Smith was named the Dog Care Champion. She was awarded a banner donated by Judge Jerry Crisel. Kaysen Kelsey was the Reserve Dog Care Champion.

In the Obedience portion, Easton Garrett was named Beginning Novice I Champion and received the Albion Chamber of Commerce banner. Lucy Harrison received the Beginning Novice I Reserve Champion ribbon. In the Beginning Novice 2 class, Sam Bogle won the Champion banner donated by The First National Bank of West Salem. Kwade Sawyer received the Beginning Novice 2 Reserve Champion ribbon. Alyssa Smith was named Preferred Novice Champion and received a banner donated by Albion Moose Family Center #621. Kaysen Kelsey received the Reserve Champion ribbon for Preferred Novice. The Novice Champion banner donated by Lyndle and Charlotte Barnes was awarded to Kwade Sawyer. Thank you to our judge Mike Claypool for judging our show.

### **Edwards County Equine Show**

The Edwards County Equine show was held Friday, July 26. The Senior Showmanship winner was Elizabeth Spillman who received a belt buckle donated by Bailey Enterprises, Inc. The Junior Showmanship winner was Harrison Lovellette who received a belt buckle donated by Shane Pritchett, of United Mutual Insurance. The Novice division belt buckle, donated by Rodney and Sara Hazel was awarded to Waylon Pritchett. Thank you to our judge Brooklyn Hazel for judging the show and to Dustin Hawkins Integrity Real Estate for providing the sound system.

### **Edwards County 4-H Rabbit Show Results**

The Edwards County 4-H Rabbit show was held Sunday, July 28th at COUNTRY Financial Hall. In the New Zealand division, Kylar VanMatre showed Best of Breed and the Best Opposite. In the Californians, Lillian Bare was named Best of Breed and Aleya Bare Best Opposite. In the Mini-Rex division, Emmet McKinney showed Best of Breed Liam McKinney Best Opposite. In the Lops, Hannah Perry showed Best of Breed and Emmalyn Jones Best Opposite. In the Other Pure Breeds Small division, Aleya Bare was the Best of Breed and Hayley Perry showed the Best Opposite. In the Other Pure Breeds Large division, Kylar VanMatre was named Best of Breed and Diezel Toutloff Best Opposite. In the Mixed Breeds division, Olivia Bosecker showed the Best of Breed and Zoey Bare Best Opposite.

The Grand Champion Rabbit was shown by Kylar VanMatre. He received a banner donated by Steve Thomson - Country Financial. The Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit was shown by Emmet McKinney.

In the Market class, Grand Champion Market Rabbit was awarded to Jackson Shelby. He received a banner donated by Herschel Johnson Implement, Inc. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit was shown by Liam McKinney. Kamryn Trowbridge was awarded the Sr. Rabbit Showmanship belt buckle donated by Jo Rector and Family. The Edwards County Farm Bureau Board of Directors Jr. and Novice Showmanship banners went to Hayley Perry and Gracie Fenton. Thanks to Mike Wilson for judging the show.

### **2024 Edwards County 4-H Small Pets**

The Edwards County 4-H Small Pets Show was held on Sunday, July 28th. Don St. Ledger was the judge. Gracie Fenton was chosen as the Jr. Small Pets Champion and received the trophy presented by Colyer Coffeehouse and Kayleigh Sanford was chosen as the Sr. Small Pets Champion and received the trophy from Rigg Family Care Pharmacy.

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## Edwards County 4-H Sheep Show Results

The Edwards County 4-H Sheep Show was held Monday, July 29th. In the Hampshire Division Gabe Wyatt showed the Champion Ram and Ewe, and the Reserve Champion Ewe. In the Corriedale Division the Champion and Reserve Champion Ram was shown by Jesse Spray. The Champion and Reserve Champion Ewes were shown by Emmitt Spray, in the Corriedale Division. In the Cheviot Division JW Simms-Reisner showed the Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in the Ewe classes. JW Simms-Reisner showed the Champion and Reserve Champion Montadale Rams and the Champion and Reserve Champion Montadale Ewes. In the Suffolk class Brooklyn Kitchene showed the Champion Ram and the Champion Ewe. Kenleigh Garrett had the Champion Ram, and the Champion Ewe, in the Other Breeds class. Hanna Waggoner showed the Reserve Champion Ewe in the Other Breeds class. Aly Williams had both the Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Ewes. Gabe Wyatt was awarded Champion and Reserve Champion in the Non-Registered Ewe class.

The Grand Champion Ram was awarded to Gabe Wyatt, and he received a banner donated by Edwards County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. The Reserve Grand Champion Ram was shown by J.W. Simms-Reisner.

The Grand Champion Ewe was shown by JW Simms-Reisner. Aly Williams showed the Reserve Grand Champion Ewe. JW Simms-Reisner received the banner donated by Three Rivers Veterinary Clinic.

In the Market Class, Zeb Ankenbrand showed the Grand Champion Market Lamb. The banner was donated by Farm Credit Services Illinois. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb was shown by Zeb Ankenbrand.

In the Showmanship Classes, the Senior division winner was Gabe Wyatt who received a belt buckle donated by Edwards County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. Sydney Williams won the Junior Showmanship belt buckle donated by Farm Credit Illinois. The Wesley and Kelly Fryman Novice Showmanship belt buckle went to Jesse Spray.

## 2024 Edwards County 4-H Poultry Show Results

The Edwards County 4-H Poultry show was held on Thursday evening, July 25. In the white egg layers division, Liam McKinney showed the best of show rooster, Kierah Willett had the best of show hen, Matthew Bare had the best of show cockerel, and Kylar VanMatre had the best of show pullet. In the colored egg layers, Emmet McKinney showed the best of show rooster and Brier Lynch the best of show hen, Emmet McKinney had the best of show cockerel and Brier Lynch had the best of show pullet. In the fancy breeds division, Natalie Shelby showed the best of show rooster, Emmet McKinney had the best of show hen and the best of show cockerel. Natalie Shelby had the best of show pullet. Kylar VanMatre showed the best of show turkey. Diezel Toutloff had the best of show guinea. Oakley Sawyer best of show waterfowl, and Kylar VanMatre best of show game birds. The best of show young pen and older pen went to Emmet McKinney. The barnyard special went to Matthew Bare. The Grand Champion Over All Breeds was shown by Emmet McKinney, Natalie Shelby received the Reserve Grand Champion Over All Breeds.

In the market class, Natalie Shelby was named Grand Champion and received a banner donated by Farm Credit Services of Illinois. Emmet McKinney was named Reserve Grand Champion. One dozen eggs best of show went to Aleya Bare. Natalie Shelby won the Senior Showmanship class, which was judged on presentation and knowledge. She received a belt buckle donated by Farm Credit Services of Illinois. Cooper Lynch received the Junior Showmanship banner donated by Edwards County Farm Bureau Young Leaders. The Novice Showmanship Young Leaders banner went to Emmet McKinney.



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## **Edwards County 4-H Bucket Calf & Beef Show Results**

The Bucket Calf and Beef Shows were held Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, at the 4-H arena on the Edwards County Fairgrounds. The Champion Beef Bucket Calf was shown by Ava Perkins who received a banner donated by First Bank-Grayville.

Ava Perkins received the Showmanship Belt Buckle, donated by Citizens National Bank of Albion.

In the Beef Show, Aly Williams showed the Champion Hereford Female and received a banner donated by Lawrence and Holly Speir. Tyler Knakmuhs showed the Reserve Champion Hereford Female. In the Angus Breed Aly Williams showed the Champion and Reserve Female, receiving a banner donated by Ray Livesay-Windy Hill Farm. J.W.Simms-Reisner received the Doug Raber, Agent – State Farm Insurance banner for his Champion Simmental Female, J.W., also showed the Reserve Champion Simmental Female. Kelly Hinderliter showed the Champion Shorthorn and received the banner from Citizens National Bank. In the All-Other Registered Breeds Female, Kelly Hinderliter won the Champion banner donated by 5B Simmental. The Reserve Champion All Other Breeds Female was shown by Tyler Knakmuhs. The Champion Crossbred Female was shown by Zeb Ankenbrand the banner was donated by Les Smith, Attorney at Law. Sydney Williams was the Reserve Champion in the Crossbred Female class. The Grand Champion Beef Female banner, donated by Ray Livesay – Windy Hill Farm, was awarded to Kelly Hinderliter. The Reserve Grand Champion Beef Female was, also, shown by Kelly Hinderliter.

The Grand Champion Market Steer was shown by Lidia Kelsey. She received a banner donated by the Edwards County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Chase Shelton showed the Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer.

In the Showmanship Division, Aly Williams was awarded the Senior Showmanship belt buckle donated by Donald St. Ledger, DVM. The Junior Showman was Sydney Williams, who won a belt buckle donated by the Bone Gap Cardinals 4-H Club, In Memory of LuLu and Eugene Kelsey. The Novice Showmanship belt buckle, donated by COUNTRY Financial – Kelli Savage, Agent was awarded to Kelly Hinderliter.

## **2024 Edwards County 4-H Goat Show Results**

The Edwards County 4-H Goat Show was held Tuesday afternoon, July 30th. In the Dairy Goat division, Parker Biggs showed the Grand Champion Dairy Female. She received a banner donated by the Edwards County Ag in the Classroom. Kamryn Trowbridge showed the Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Female. In the Meat Goat division, JW Simms-Reisner showed the Grand Champion Meat Female and Lucas Troyer showed the Reserve Grand Champion Meat Female. JW received the banner donated by JTK Services Inc. The Grand Champion Market Goat was shown by Ellie Troyer who received a banner donated by Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat was shown by Brayden Childers.

In the Showmanship division, the Senior Showmanship Belt Buckle donated by Terry Mewes and Ashley Craig was awarded to JW Simms-Reisner. Bristol Duncan won the Junior Showmanship Belt Buckle donated by Ingram/Meridith Funeral Home. In the Novice Class, Ellie Troyer won the belt buckle donated by the City of Albion.

## **2024 Master Showmanship**

The Edwards Co. Master Showmanship Contest was held on Wednesday, July 31, at the 4-H barn. The 2024 Winner is Aly Williams. The reserve is Gabe Wyatt. Trophy was presented by Neil and Debbie Fearn.

## 2024 4-H Food & Clothing Show

The Edwards County 4-H Food and Clothing Show was held Monday, June 24, 2024. Thank you to Sharlee Aaron, Bonita Thomason and Rachel Rodgers for judging the food exhibits, and to Colleen Kensler for judging clothing.

In the clothing show, Hannah Perry was awarded Best of Show, in Clothing I and was chosen as a State Fair Delegate. Madilyn Wingard was also, chosen as a State Fair Delegate in Clothing I. Isabella Jones and Alivia Houser are State Fair Alternates, in Clothing I.

In the food show, Best of Show designations were awarded too: Kyntlee Kelsey - Cooking 101; Zoey Weedon - Cooking 201; Ellie Troyer - Cooking 301; Emily Spray - Cooking 401; Alyson Williams - Food Preservation and Hayley Perry - Food Science IV. Seven exhibitors were chosen as State Fair delegates: Ellie Troyer, Landon Loyd, Kyntlee Kelsey, Myah Miller, Violet Rude, Aly Williams and Emily Spray. State Fair Alternates are Alice Wingard, Hayley Perry, Alyssa Smith and Kolby Terry.

## 2024 General Project Show

The 4-H General Projects Show was held Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the Country Financial Hall Building on the Edwards County Fairgrounds. 4-H members exhibited their projects for judging. The results for the 4-H General Show are as follows:

4-H members receiving Best of Show award in their class: Hanna Waggoner-Floriculture A, Evalynn Edwards - Vegetable/Fruit Display, Olivia Bunting - Herb Container Display, Owen Schuh – Vegetable Plate, Aleya Bare – Vegetable Gardening Display, Sarafina Henson – Child Development, Zoey Bare – Civic Engagement, Aleya Bare – Community Service Learning, Nate Greathouse - Woodworking I, Jackson Miller – Woodworking II, Conner Perkins - Woodworking III, Gracie Fenton – Interior Design, Alivia Houser - Health I, Hannah Perry - Intercultural, Elise Rude - Visual Arts Chalk/Carbon/Pigment, Olivia Bunting - Visual Arts Metal, Ellie Troyer - Visual Arts Beginning Scrapbooking, Hayley Perry – Visual Arts Intermediate Scrapbooking, Matthew Bare – Visual Arts Leather, Ava Perkins and Aleya Bare - Visual Arts Clay, Gabbie Spencer - Visual Arts Quilting, Hallie Shelton – Visual Arts Heritage Arts, Kylar VanMatre – Visual Arts Glass/Plastic, Jesse Spray - 3D Visual Arts Paper, Selah Trimble - Visual Arts Beginning Food Decorating, Kayleigh Sanford - Visual Arts Intermediate Food Decorating, Olivia Bunting – Visual Arts Nature, Lucy Harrison – Fiber Non Original, Madison Miller - Video/Filmmaking, Hannah Bare – Robotics I, Ben Kelsey - Collections, Jackson Miller – Sportsfishing I, Lucas Troyer-Sportsfishing III, Hannah Perry - Wildlife III, Owen Schuh - Photography I, Madison Miller - Photography II, Wyatt Johnson - Photography III, Lydia Shelby - Poetry, Hayley Perry – Creative Writing, Gracie Fenton - Consumer Education, Matthew Bare - Welding, Olivia Bunting, Kylar VanMatre, Hannah Bare - Geology, Anthony Houser – Forestry, Kaysen Kelsey – Tractor A.

The following 4-H members were chosen as State Fair Delegates: Hanna Waggoner and Sydney Williams - Floriculture A, Evalynn Edwards - Vegetable/Fruit Display, Olivia Bunting – Herb Container Display, Owen Schuh – Vegetable Plate, Aiden Houser, Ava Perkins and Olivia Bunting - Electricity, Sarafina Henson – Child Development, Zoey Bare – Civic Engagement, Aleya Bare – Community Service Learning, Conner Perkins and Nate Greathouse - Woodworking, Gracie Fenton – Interior Design, Alivia Houser - Health, Hannah Perry - Intercultural, Elise Rude and Hannah Perry - Visual Arts/Chalk/Carbon/Pigment, Olivia Bunting - Visual Arts Metal, Ellie Troyer - Visual Arts Scrapbooking, Aleya Bare - Visual Arts Clay, Hallie Shelton-Visual Arts Heritage Arts, Kylar VanMatre – Visual Arts Glass/Plastic, Selah Trimble and Kayleigh Sanford - Visual Arts Food Decorating, Olivia Bunting – Visual Arts Nature, Madison Miller - Video/Filmmaking, Madison Miller, Wyatt Johnson and Owen Schuh - Photography, Hayley Perry - Creative Writing, Hannah Perry - Poetry, Gracie Fenton -Consumer Education, Matthew Bare - Welding, Olivia Bunting, Kylar VanMatre, Hannah Bare - Geology, Anthony Houser – Forestry. Thank you to all the leaders, parents, volunteers, and judges who helped during the show. These volunteers are what makes this program successful for our youth. We really appreciate your support.

## END OF YEAR AWARD TIME IS APPROACHING

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Scholarship Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.



**The 4-H Experience Award** offers recognition for members who participate in activities and events from club to national events. Available levels you can qualify for include Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond, and Emerald. Head here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/awards-scholarships> to learn more and apply!



Do you have a passion for Animal Sciences, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Gardening, Agriculture & Food Access, Healthy Living/Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth, or STEM/Robotics?

Apply for a scholarship honoring your experience and passion in these areas!

Scholarships are open to Illinois 4-H members age 15-19 as of 9/1/2024. To apply you must have been enrolled in the 2023-2024 4-H year and applicants can only win one scholarship per program year and can only win once in each of the different award areas.

Apply now through November 1 when you head here: <https://form.jotform.com/241415558428157>

Recommendations due November 7.



Does your 4-H club excel in community service, leadership, or project mastery? Submit your club for a 4-H Club Recognition Award! Learn more and submit your application before October 1st here: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/awards-scholarships>



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If you have a specific workshop that you would like for us to have let the office know. We want to have workshops that are of interest to everyone. You can contact us at 445-2934 or contact [djc@illinois.edu](mailto:djc@illinois.edu)

**Reminder!**

**If you received a banner or belt buckle at the fair be sure to send the sponsor a thank you!**

**Our donors are a very important part of Edwards County 4-H!**

**Buyers Cards will be available soon!**

**Please thank your buyers and the businesses or individuals that added on!**



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