

4-H News

Wow!

The Public Speaking Contest was a great success once again! Congratulations to all of our kiddos who participated.

We have just a few more days left to get those pork loin and rib orders in!



April 2025

Spring is here and many in-person events are being planned. Keep an eye on the newsletter, emails, and social media for updates.

Amy McCarty

Extension Program Coordinator/4-H

Mark your calendars

April 2025

- April 4 - Pork Loin Pre-Order Sale Deadline
- April 5 - YQCA face to face in Saline Co. 2:00
- April 6 - Shooting Sports Shoot 2:00-5:00
- April 10 - Cloverbuds @ 3:30
- April 18 - Unit 24 Livestock Skill-a-thon & YQCA @ 9:00 Registration - Hamilton County Publication Order Deadline for April
- April 19 - War Horse Swine Show @ Livestock Barn Support Committee Pork Loin/Rib Sale Pick up 2:30-5:30 @ Extension Office
- April 21 - Deadline for 4-H Day with the Cardinals
- April 22 - T-shirt design contest deadline! Support Committee - 5:00 Livestock Committee - 6:00
- April 24 - Cloverbuds 3:30 Work Night at the GIFT Garden 4:30
- April 27 - Shooting Sports Shoots - 2:00-5:00 Experience Award Winner Banquet 4:00 Big Red Barn—McLeansboro

May 2025

- May 1 - Project selection deadline
Cloverbuds @ 3:30
Welding SPIN Club - 4:00-6:00
Federation - 5:00
- May 3 - Sheep & Goat Weigh-in @ 7:30
Saline Co. Stockman's Rabbit Show & Clinic - 10:00
Cookie In A Jar Workshop 10:00
- May 4 - Graduation Party @ 2:00
- May 10 - Showmanship Clinic/YQCA @ Livestock Barn @ 9:00
- May 15 - Livestock Registration Forms are due to the office
Cloverbuds @ 3:30
New Member Meeting - 5:30
QAEC, Fair Entry, Livestock Forms, Etc. **PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING!!**
- May 24 - 4-H Day with the Cardinals
- May 26 - Memorial Day - Office Closed
- May 27 - First day of GIFT Garden Class

June 2025

- June 1 - YQCA & QAEC are due



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.



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>Cora Sutton Emmaline Draper</i>	5 <i>Saline Co. YQCA 2:00 Katelyn Davis Brecken Buttry</i>
6 <i>Shooting Sports Shoot Alaina Ridge Kolby Kittinger</i>	7 <i>Kenley Black Kerrigan Black</i>	8	9	10 <i>Cloverbuds 3:30 Federation 5:00</i>	11 <i>Zeke Roser</i>	12
13 <i>Emma Legg</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>Nickolas Aldrich</i>	18 <i>Hamilton Co. Skill-a-thon/ YQCA 9:00 Publication Orders Due</i>	19 <i>War Horse Swine Show Pork Loin/ Rib Pick Up</i>
20	21 <i>Kadence Rankin Elie Vollman</i>	22 <i>T-Shirt Design Deadline Support, Livestock Meetings</i>	23	24 <i>Cloverbuds 3:30 Work Night @ Garden 5:00</i>	25 <i>Amy Dixon</i>	26
27 <i>Awards Banquet Shooting Sports Shoot Reece Gholson</i>	28	29	30	<i>Congratulations to Johanna Zieren for winning the Guidebook Cover Contest</i>		

2025 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, 2024
- Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2025
- Tattooed & Tagged –
 - o **On or between the last Saturday in January (January 27, 2025) and February 29, 2025.**
 - 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, 2024 (White County Livestock Show Only)** and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2025.
- **Premiere Barrows**
 - o **Farrowed on or after February 10, 2025** and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2025
 - o Weighed and Tattooed February 10 to April 15, 2025
 - 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, 2025
 - o Ownership Date – May 15, 2025
 - o Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged – between March 15 and May 15, 2025.

Sheep & Goat weigh-in is May 3 @ 8:00am @ Fairgrounds.

(All Males 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, 2024**
- Tattooed in name of exhibitor only by May 15, 2025
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2025

NECESSARY HEALTH PAPERS WILL BE EMAILED, TEXTED, OR HAND DELIVERED TO ANY BEGINNING JUNE 30 AND NO LATER THAN THE END OF THE DAY ON MONDAY (JULY 7) OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW!!

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.

Step-by-step directions located here: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/media/3634/download?inline=true>

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.



Illinois 4-H will be hosting another virtual **Speaking for Illinois 4-H** training **Monday, April 7 from 7-8:30 pm**. This training prepares youth how to meet with county and state elected officials, potential donors, civic groups and new volunteers. The training will be facilitated by the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team, Extension staff and volunteers with expertise in government, speaking and 4-H. Trained members are invited to special speaking engagements, virtual trainings, and legislative events.

More information on Speaking for Illinois 4-H can be found on the Illinois 4-H Website under [Speaking for Illinois 4-H](#). 4-H members must attend a training to be eligible to participate in Legislative Connection events. Members 14 and over are eligible for this training.

Registration- <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/38023>
 Registration Deadline- Monday, April 7, 1 pm
Legislative Connection Dates- May 6-7, 2025



Livestock Clinic, Skill a thon and YQCA Training

Are you interested in livestock, meeting new people who share your interests and increasing your livestock knowledge?

Mark your calendars for a day of fun and learning on **Friday, April 18** at the Hamilton County fairgrounds. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the clinic starts at 9:30. 4-H members will compete in the Livestock skill a thon with feed ingredient identification, breed identification, equipment identification and YQCA training.

A \$5.00 fee will register each member in all classes except the YQCA training that you **MUST** preregister for online.

Prizes will be awarded in several categories in both junior and senior divisions. Lunch will be provided. Please contact the Hamilton County Extension office at 643-3416 or by email to pjhatfie@illinois.edu with any suggestions or to register.

Throughout the day members will complete the face to face YQCA training, the cost will be \$3.00 and must be preregistered.

Those who do not complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs.



T-Shirt Design Contest DEADLINE April 22

Sponsorship has been offered to purchase t-shirts for White County 4-H members and leaders again this year. Leaders please have all sizes to me by April 30!

Design a 4-H shirt for us and the shirt design will be chosen by April 22. You never know, it might be your design that will be on this year's shirt.

Remember, the 4-H Clover cannot be covered, turned, or changed and has to be green, white, or black.

Work night at the Garden!

April 24, 2025
5:00 - ?

The White County 4-H GIFT Garden is starting to bloom! But, we need your help first to clean up from this past winter months. So bring your gloves and come help pull weeds, shovel compost into the raised beds, clean out flower beds, and start planting!



National Day of Service, April 26, 2025

4-H members and clubs continue to demonstrate they are *True Leaders in Service*, as they work to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community while focusing on the 4th “H” and pledging their HANDS to larger service!

Please register your event on go.illinois.edu/4HDayofServiceRegister . Once your event is over you can also report what you accomplished through your service outreach and upload photos which can be highlighted through the Illinois 4-H Social Media channels!

Please note – this site is open year-round so if you do multiple projects throughout the year, please continue to share that information both on the registration side and on the reporting side. The impact made by individual 4-H members and by clubs in their communities is valuable. It makes Illinois communities stronger; it helps support unity among community members; and it provides valuable support to those in need.



Final day to decide on projects.....

***The last day to change or add a project is May 1**

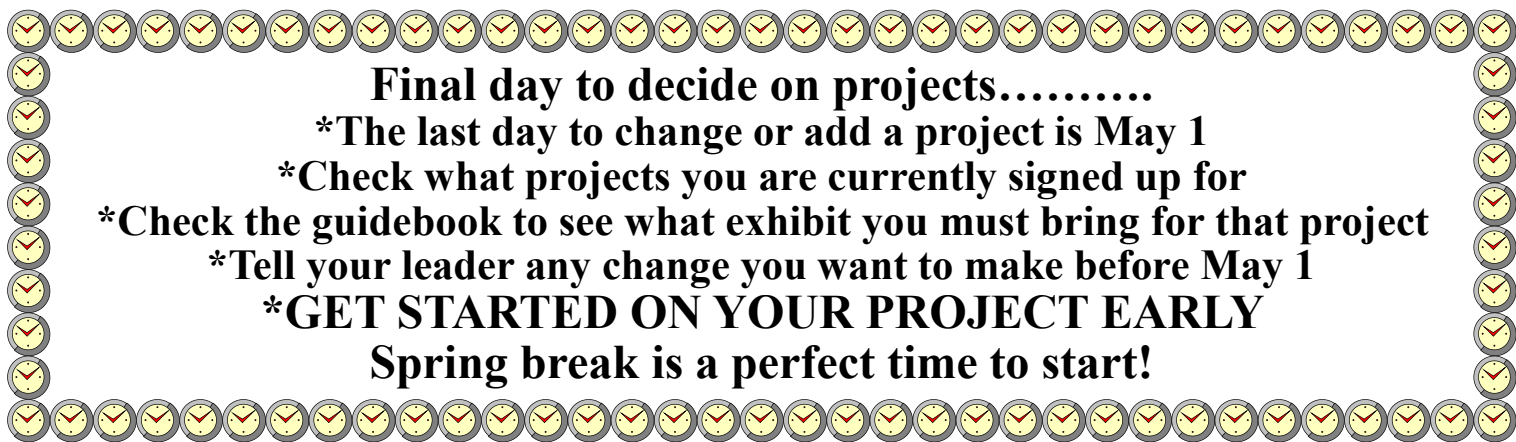
***Check what projects you are currently signed up for**

***Check the guidebook to see what exhibit you must bring for that project**

***Tell your leader any change you want to make before May 1**

***GET STARTED ON YOUR PROJECT EARLY**

Spring break is a perfect time to start!



5th Annual
TOGETHER WE "CAN"



**SOUTHERN
ILLINOIS
CANNED
SOUP DRIVE**



February 14th-April 14th, 2025

CANS COLLECTED WILL BE DONATED ACROSS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS TO HELP COMBAT FOOD INSECURITY

DONATIONS MAY BE MAILED TO:

*Fowler Bonan Foundation
Heaven's Kitchen/Together We CAN
PO Box 848*

Harrisburg, Illinois 62946

Monetary donations will be used to purchase pallets of soup directly from local grocers - yet another way we can pour back into our communities!

If you would like to be a sponsor or drop off location, please let us know! Additional information can be found on our Fowler Bonan Foundation facebook or website!



WWW.FOWLERBONANFOUNDATION.COM



**QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT
FOWLERBONANFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM OR
618-926-3062**

**WE WOULD TO
SURPASS OUR RECORD
OF 53,000 CANS**





Warhorse Swine Spring Preview Show

Saturday April 19th 2025

White County Fairgrounds

201 Fairground Rd Carmi, IL 62821

Registration Link below:



<https://showman.app/shows#/war-horse-spring-preview-05dd>



Showmanship

Free

Start 9:00am

Breeding Gilt Show-

\$30 early entry/\$40 late entry

Starts 30 minutes after showmanship

Market Barrow Show

\$30/early \$40/late entry

Starts 30 minutes after breeding gilts

Contact

**Justin Williams Cell- 618-383-2645 Email-Justinwilliams4320@gmail.com

Arrival

**Pens will be available Friday evening after 6:00 pm. We will check people in and weigh barrows until 8 pm. Then resume check-in and weighing at 7 am the morning of the show.

Check-In

**Friday April 18th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm; **Saturday April 19th 7:00- 9:00 am

Health Checks

**Health papers required.

Other Information

**Breakfast and Lunch available for purchase at the concession stand

**T-Shirts will be available for purchase

**Shavings will be available for bedding and pens must be cleaned before leaving.

Refund Policy

**Entry fees are non-refundable.



LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

Sponsored By The Enfield Blue Ribbon 4-H Club



May 10, 2025

Time: 9:00 am

**White County Fairgrounds
4-H Livestock Barn**

A showmanship clinic where you will learn how to present your animal at your local 4-H fair/show.

Well known showman from surrounding counties will talk cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs.

In-person YQCA will take place during the clinic.

YQCA training you **MUST** preregister for online.

618-382-2662 to register for the clinic.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of these programs, please contact Holly Healy (618)713-5990 or Karen McKinney (618)384-8293.

WHITE COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION SHEET

Exhibitors of Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, and Rabbits **must have** the following information filled out and returned to the University of Illinois Extension office by **May 15** of each year. **Rabbits/Poultry information due by June 15.**

All Market Animals (including cattle, swine, sheep, and goat) not weighed in and tattooed at weigh-ins must be tattooed and reported to the office **within 10 days** of the weigh-in. They will have to be ear notched/tagged and written on this sheet.

NOTICE: Pens will be assigned by Amy and/or the Livestock Superintendents this year. Please state the minimum number of pens you will need for each species.

Sheep _____
Goats _____

Swine _____

Species (cattle, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit)	Breed (and Registration Number if Registered Purebred)	Birth Date of Animal	Sex of Animal	Tattoo, Tag, or Ear Notch Number	Species Class (ex. Ram, yearling ewe, etc.)

My 4-H animal project(s) will be kept at the following address:

I understand that I am responsible for the care and feeding of my animal project(s).



Illinois Extension
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



Name: _____

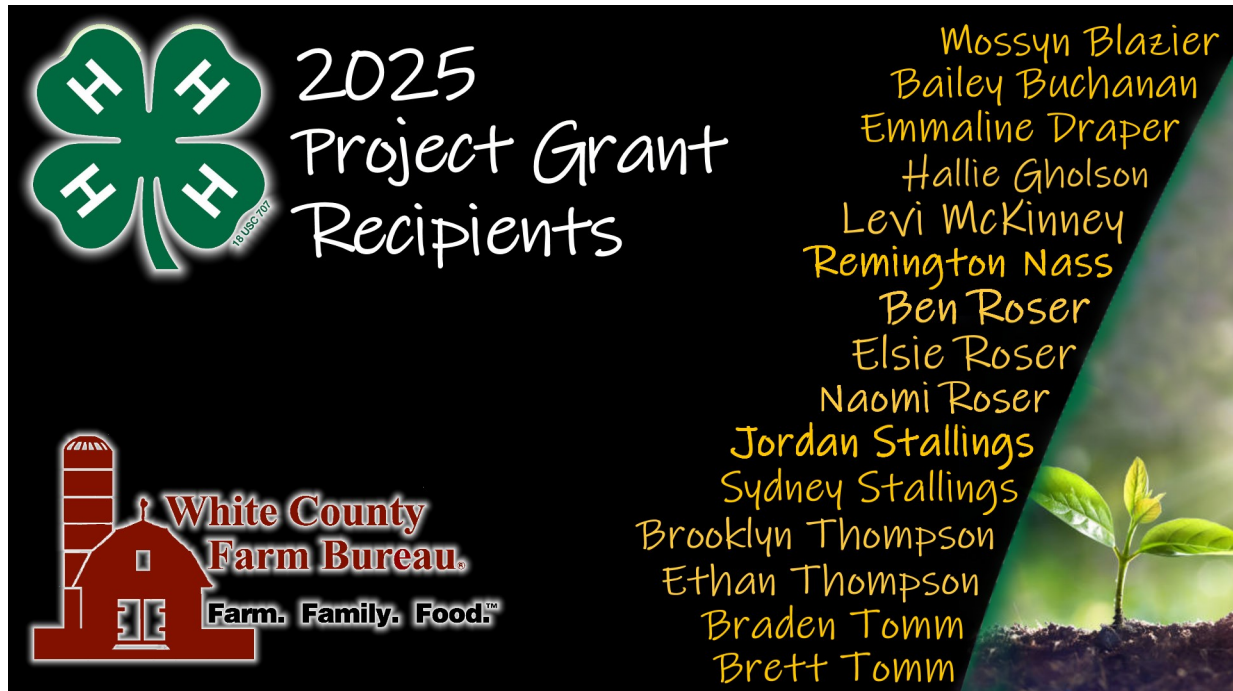
Club: _____

Return to the Extension Office by MAY 15. Projects not entered by May 15 will NOT be allowed to sell in the Livestock Auction.

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 5 - Federation Sept. 5 - 4-H Rally Oct Carmi Mayor Signing October 3 - Federation Nov. 2 - Evening of Excellence November 7 - Federation National 4-H Week Activities Gingerbread House Workshop Christmas Tree Decorating Contest	Hamilton County Haunted Trail Unit 24 4-H Fall Party Unit 24 Cosmic Bowling Maple Syrup Workshop	4-H Camp
COMMUNITY SERVICE		August 31 - Grayville Parade Hygiene Products for CCC Sept 28 - Norris City Parade October 5 - Enfield Parade October 12 - Corn Day Parade Salvation Army Bell Ringing—12/14 Donate a Dessert Norris City Decorated House & Business Judging	Fall Food Challenge Letter Drive for WNC Hurricane Victims Halloween Costume Drive 4 C's Comm. Service Fill a Purse Veterans blanket/Cabin Fever Day Ronald McDonald House Comm Service	National 4-H Day of Service 4-H Green Communities Tree Program
LEADERSHIP	Club Officers	PSA's Leadership Role at: Federation Meeting Cloverbud Meetings GIFT Garden Classes Teen Teachers SPIN Club		National 4-H Conf. Legislative Conn. Speaking for Ill. 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference Illinois 4-H My Experience Award Training 9/18 Illinois 4-H Scholarship Webinar 10/7 Cultivating Cloverbuds Training 11/7 Jr. Livestock Conference 1/25-26 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip Art Ambassador Team
PROJECT LEARNING		Shooting Sports SPIN Club GIFT Garden SPIN Club Leather SPIN Club Pumpkin Decorating Contest Livestock Weigh-ins	Unit 24 Photography Wksp - Pope/Hardin, Hamilton Co., Saline Co., White Co. Fall Nature Scavenger Hunt for Kids Unit 24 Fall Bouquet Wksp 11/7 Unit 24 Cupcake Wksp 11/21 Virtual Ornament Wksp 12/14 Unit 24 Photography Calendar Contest Hamilton Co. Cabin Fever Day Unit 24 Horse SPIN Club Unit 24 Public Speaking 3/20 Unit 24 Showmanship Clinic 5/3	State Shotgun Shoot QAEC/YQCA Livestock Skillathon Contest & Workshop 11/9/24 Hispanic Heritage Month Native American Heritage Month Moments That Matter Photography Contest Scraps to Stories Wkhp Fun with Food Science!

White County 4-Hers awarded 2025 Project Grants

The White County Farm Bureau is pleased to award fifteen White County 4-Hers with a 2025 4-H Project Grant. The 4-H Project Grant 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. Each 4-Her is required to submit receipts of their project purchases before they receive their grant money. Pictures of the 4-Hers with their projects will be included in future issues of the *Wabash Valley Ag News* and posted on the White County Farm Bureau Facebook page. Congratulations to our 2025 4-H Project grant winners!



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