



4-H News

Congratulations!



We had a great night for the Evening of Excellence. It was good to see a nice crowd there. I hope you are proud of all your accomplishments, I know I am! We have extra copies of the program booklet at the office, and many of the winners are listed inside this newsletter.

4-H was well represented the month of November. I am super proud of each and every one of you!

December is a busy one, so read the newsletter carefully so you don't miss out on anything!

Well, I thought October was busy, but November seemed to fly by too. Had a great attendance at the fall bouquet workshop and gingerbread making workshops, and then two parades in Grayville and Carmi.

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Extension Program Coordinator/4-H

Mark your calendars

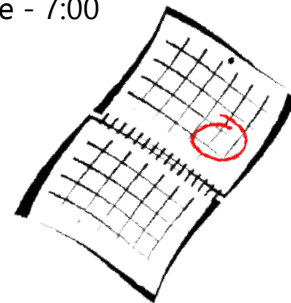


December

- 1** Would love to have all enrollments in Zsuite!! <https://4h.zsuite.org/>
- 3** Federation Christmas Party - 5:00
RSVP by December 2!!
(Don't forget your 10.00 white elephant gift)
Norris City House Decorating Contest Judging
Afterwards
- 14** - Salvation Army Bell Ringing 9:00-7:00
Cupcake Decorating Workshop - 9:30
Virtual Ornament Workshop - 10:00
- 20** Tree Decorating Contest Deadline
Last Day the Office will be open for 2024

January

- 9** Federation - 5:30
- 20** Cabin Fever in McLeansboro
(Making Veteran's Blankets)
- 23** Cloverbud Recruitment Night
3:30-6:00 @ Extension Office
- 28** Support Committee - 5:00
Livestock Committee - 6:00
Leadership Committee - 7:00



If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of these program, please contact the University of Illinois Extension Office at 618-382-2662.



December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <i>Federation Meeting 5:00 Norris City</i>	4	5 <i>Leo Sutton Nora Schimp</i>	6	7
8	9 <i>Annsley Healy</i>	10	11	12	13 <i>Karsyn Russell</i>	14 <i>Bell Ringing Cupcake Decorating Workshop Virtual Ornament Workshop</i>
15 <i>Ethan Thompson</i>	16 <i>Naomi Roser Nyah Boren</i>	17	18 <i>Hadley Williams</i>	19	20 <i>Tree Decorating Contest Deadline</i>	21 <i>April Jordan Zoe Caudill</i>
22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas Abe Sutton</i>	26	27 <i>Mareck Vaupel</i>	28
29 <i>Boone York</i>	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<p><i>If at all possible have your 4-H member enrolled in https://4h.zsuite.org/ here in December. I want to make sure I have you in my email and newsletter lists. If I need to activate please let me know!</i></p>			

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.**
- Beef weigh-in is February 1. (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, 2024 (White County Livestock Show Only)** and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2025.
- Swine weigh-in is March 22 @ 8am @ the Fairgrounds
(All Male & Females will be weighed and/or tagged)**
- **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 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, 2024**
- Tattooed in name of exhibitor only by May 15, 2025
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2025



SPECIAL COUNTY AWARDS

The following awards are sponsored by local groups, businesses and individuals, and most are unique to White County 4-H.

VICTORY AWARD

Age 8-9

Mad Hatters—Briley Rahmoeller
Grayville Go-Getters—Brooklyn Thompson
Centerville Ripsnorters—Braden Tomm
76 Clovers—River Morrison
War Horse—Tyson Hardy
Overall Winner—Braden Tomm

Age 10-11

Mad Hatters—Kenley Davis
Centerville Ripsnorters—Nevan Jordan
76 Clovers—Hallie Gholson
War Horse—Kinze Wilson
Overall Winner—Kenley Davis

Age 12

Independent Member—Emmaline Draper
Mad Hatters—Niah Haley
War Horse—Jolene Rankin
Overall Winner—Emmaline Draper

HEALTH AWARD

Age 8-12

First - Kenley Davis
Second—Niah Haley
Third—Brooklyn Thompson

Age 13-18

First - Katelyn Allen
Second—Kaitlyn Aldrich
Third—Brooke Rahmoeller

YOUNG HOMEMAKER AWARD

Age 8-12

Brooklyn Thompson

Age 13-18

Katelyn Davis

HCE SCHOLARSHIP

Katelyn Allen

OUTSTANDING FIRST YEAR MEMBERS

Braden Tomm
Brooklyn Thompson

SAFETY AWARD

Age 8-12

First - Briley Rahmoeller
Second—Kelsey Aldrich
Third—Kenley Davis

Age 13-18

First- Katelyn Allen
Second—Kaitlyn Aldrich
Third—Brooke Rahmoeller

2024 Ag Youth Award

Grace McCarty
Zeke Roser

2024 WROY/WRUL PROMOTIONAL

PERFORMANCE AWARD

Trinity McCormick
Briley Rahmoeller

I DARE YOU AWARD

Katelyn Davis
Johanna Zieren

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Kerrigan Black
Sydney Stallings
Niah Haley

ILLINOIS ELECTRIFICATION COUNCIL AWARD

Brooklyn Thompson

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Age 8-12

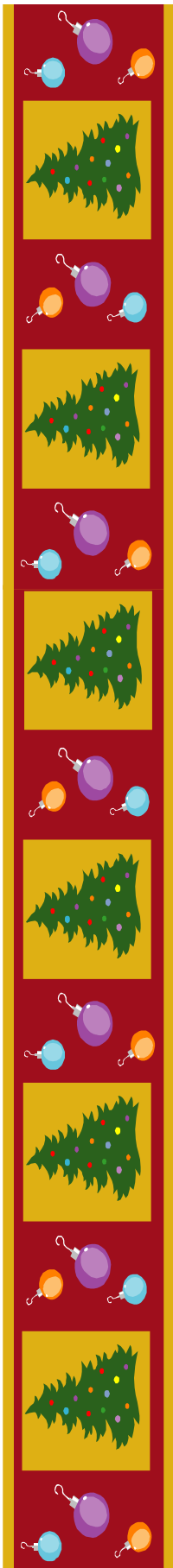
First - Kenley Davis
Second - Brooklyn Thompson
Third—Holly Hays

Age 13-18

First - Jalynn Phillips
Second - Grace McCarty
Third - Johanna Zieren

DONNIE SEITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Trey Dixon





WHITE COUNTY ALUMNI
Jason Carter



CLUB OF THE YEAR
Mad Hatters 4-H Club

WHITE COUNTY FRIEND OF 4-H
WP Meat Company



Everyone is Invited, Really!!!

White County 4-H Federation
Christmas Party

**The 2024 Federation Christmas Party is on
December 3 at 5:00**

Deciding on Mexican Restaurant or maybe Doug's pizza & subs in Norris City

Also, bring a 10.00 wrapped white elephant gift

The party is open to everyone in 4-H so stop by, eat some good food, and hang out with some great people. Even bring a friend!!

RSVP by December 2!!

618-382-2662 or amccarty@illinois.edu

**Then will go as a group and judge decorated houses
in Norris City!**



Fill a Purse



This holiday season, Unit 24 4-H is organizing a collection of purses and items to donate to Safe Haven Women's Shelter in Mt. Carmel. Our aim is to spread some joy to the women residing there and the surrounding counties.

Please ensure that items are delivered to the White County Extension office by December 18.

- Small Hand Sanitizer
- Mini Perfumes
- Chap Stick or Lip Gloss
- Nail Polish or Nail Kit
- Beauty Products
- Hair Care Items
- Mini Hairbrush
- Wallets
- Lanyard or Wristlet
- Key Chains
- Scrunchies or Pony Tails
- Small Makeup Bag
- Compact Mirror
- Body Care Items
- Hats, Gloves, or Scarves
- Bags (Cross Body, Purses, Hand Bags, or Shoulder)
- Gum, Mint, or Candy
- Small Notebooks and Pens
- Small Devotionals
- Christmas Cards
- Anything you think will bring joy to these ladies day.
- Jewelry

If you have any questions please reach out to Amy McCarty at 618-382-2662 or amccarty@illinois.edu



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4-H is an incredible experience. We need to let the public know we are here, active and excited! There's no better way to do this, than to make sure our activities are front and center in our communities. With this in mind, all White County 4-H members are invited to participate in a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

Contest guidelines are as follows:

*You must be enrolled in 4-H to participate.
Members may participate as individuals or families.
Each tree must be decorated by the 4-H member(s).
Pictures of trees will be accepted from December 1 through
December 20 at 4:00 PM.*

Place your tree in the following categories:

*Best Tiny Tree
Charlie Brown Tree
Most Original Tree
Prettiest Tree*

*Providing there are enough entries each category will have one winner based on the most votes.
Best overall tree will be awarded to the tree that has the most votes.
Photos of trees will be placed on Facebook for votes. If a tie then Extension employees will make the deciding vote.
Voting ends at 12:00 PM on December 31.
Winners will be announced on December 31.*

The following information must be included in your entry email:

*Photo of tree
Member name or family name
Club name
Tree category*

All entries are to be emailed to amccarty@illinois.edu and will not be accepted any other way!



Thriving Youth Thriving Clubs: 4-H Thriving

Leaders & Volunteers, new training information is coming down requiring three hours a year of registered training in ZSuite. Register for these three trainings and those hours can be done!

Register now!

At this three-part training for adult volunteers, learn about the fundamentals of the 4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development and how creating an environment for youth to thrive also helps your club thrive! Volunteers can attend just one session or all three! The training is virtual. Register online for sessions via ZSuite events!

November 12 – Sparks: Learn about helping youth find their spark, and how you can help youth channel their sparks into action. **AMY SENT YOU AN EMAIL WITH THE LINK TO THE RECORDING!!!!**

December 10 - Developmental Relationships: Learn how to form close connections between yourself and the youth in your club to help them feel supported and empowered. Registration: <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/32877> (you must be logged into ZSuite to access this registration link).

January 14 - Belonging & Program Quality: Learn the eight principles of program quality that you can implement in your club to make kids feel at home. Registration: <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/32881> (you must be logged into ZSuite to access this registration link).



Reminder to Large Livestock Families

Large Livestock families,

We wanted to give you a heads up and plenty of time to prepare for this new requirement for cattle and swine. (I've included sheep and goat families just in case) **Beginning in 2025, individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag). The tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.**

Producers can order tags directly, including through the free tag program with the Department, or utilize their veterinarians. The Department has tried to provide producers with ample time to prepare by pushing the notice out more than a year in advance and offering the free tag program, for which we have partnered with organizations to have on site distribution events. Here is a link to the information on ordering tags through the department of both producers and veterinarians: [Animal Disease Traceability \(illinois.gov\)](https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/fair-exhibition-requirements.html).

<https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/fair-exhibition-requirements.html> The second link is 2024 County Fair Health Requirements. If you open it, changes for 2025 are in red. The big thing is cattle and swine must have 840 tags. **If you are producing your own on your farm, to get 840 tags, you have to get premise id.** Calves under 6 months do not require a CVI. Depending on your 4-H show date, early January calves could be required on the CVI.

So in short, if you raise and produce your own stock then you will need to get a premise id and order 840 tags for your cattle and swine herd. This will need to be done before the 2025 weigh ins (Cattle Feb. 1, Swine Mar. 22, Sheep/Goat May 3). If you purchase your livestock from someone else you will need to make sure they have registered 840 tags already tagged or you will need to do this with yours before weigh in. This is MANDATORY by the state so if not done then you will not be allowed to show at the 2025 White County 4-H Livestock Show!

Cabin Fever Day in Hamilton County

By mid-January or so...you might be tired of the cold and ready for some fun.

Consider attending Cabin Fever Day at the Hamilton County Extension office on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 20, 2025



This free event will be held from 9 am - Noon and is open to all 4-H youth in Unit 24.

Junior High and older youth will make tie blankets that will serve as a community service for veterans.

Grade school youth will work on crafts and make Valentines for Veterans as their community service.

Lunch will be provided.

Call your local Extension office if you want to attend this fun day!

There are blankets for the veterans still available for pick up to tie and bind at the White County Extension office. A great community service to do over Christmas break or throughout the winter months!!



YOUTH 5 - 7 YEARS OF AGE

CALLING ALL CLOVERBUDS



You can join 4-H as a Cloverbud!

At Cloverbud meetings, you'll learn to run a real meeting, do important community service projects, learn cool things about being safe and healthy, and so much more!

Open to all youth who were 5 by September 1, 2024

\$10.00 covers ALL cost for 8 meetings

Cloverbud Pre-registration @ University of IL Extension Office (across from SIC) January 23, 2025 from 3:30 to 6:00 pm

Meetings will be every other Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 pm starting February 6 at the Extension Office in Carmi.

February 6	February 20	March 6
March 27	April 10	April 24
May 1	May 15	

For more Information contact Amy McCarty
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PHOTO GRAPHY

Contest



DEC 1, 2024 - SEP 30, 2025

Did you participate in a photography workshop? Are you eager to put your new skills to the test?

Submit your photos for the 2026 Calendar Contest from December 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025!

RULES

- If photos are cropped, they must be the original aspect ratio.
- No use of copyrighted characters.
- Human Subject will need a photography release.

TO SUBMIT PHOTOS



<https://go.illinois.edu/2026CalendarPhotoContest>

**OPEN TO ALL GALLATIN , HAMILTON, HARDIN, POPE, SALINE AND
WHITE COUNTY 4-HERS AGES 5-19**

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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	
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	Fall Food Challenge Letter Drive for WNC Hurricane Victims Halloween Costume Drive 4 C's Community Service Fill a Purse Tying a blanket	National 4-H Day of Service
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
PROJECT LEARNING		Shooting Sports SPIN Club GIFT Garden SPIN Club Leather SPIN Club Pumpkin Decorating Contest	Unit 24 Photography Workshop - Hamilton Co., Saline Co., White Co. Fall Nature Scavenger Hunt for Kids Unit 24 Fall Bouquet Workshop 11/7 Unit 24 Cupcake Decorating Workshop 12/14 Virtual Ornament Making Workshop 12/14 Photography Calendar Contest	State Shotgun Shoot QAEC/YQCA Livestock Skillathon Contest & Workshop 11/9/24 Hispanic Heritage Month Native American Heritage Month



**The U of I Extension Office will be closed
December 23 to January 2 to spend time
with our families and friends.**

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