

# White County

# 4-H News



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February 2025

## *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 & April newsletters!! Get the word out and let's make this a successful fundraiser!

Amy McCarty  
Extension Program Coordinator/4-H

## *Mark your calendars*

### February 2025

February 1 **Beef Weigh-In @ 8AM @ Fairgrounds  
Maple Syrup Workshop - Dixon Springs Ag Center**

February 6 **First Cloverbud Mtg. 3:30-4:30  
Federation Meeting - 5:00**

February 20 **Cloverbuds Meeting 3:30-4:30**

February 21 **Cosmic Bowling 6:00  
Muddy Illinois (Ronald McDonald House - Comm. Service Project)**

March 2025  
**Leather SPIN Club**

March 4, 6, and 8 **Hunter Safety**

March 6 **Cloverbuds - 3:30-4:30  
Federation - 5:00**

March 20 **Unit 24 Public Presentations - 6:00 @  
White County Extension Office**

March 22 **Swine Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds @ 8 AM**

March 27 **Cloverbuds - 3:30 - 4:30 (note date skip)**

**Pork Loin PSA's March TBA**

### April 2025

April 10 **Cloverbuds 3:30-4:30  
Federation 5:00**

April 19 **Pork Loin Sale**

April 24 **Cloverbuds 3:30-4:30  
Working in the Garden - 5:00**

April 27 **Awards Banquet - 3:00 - Big Red Barn**

### May 2025

May 3 **Sheep/Goat Weigh @ Fairgrounds @ 7:30  
Showmanship Clinic/YQCA @ Livestock Barn @ 10:00**

May 10 **Cookie in a Jar Workshop**

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 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>If you need a publication let Amy know by the 21st Will order once a month!</i></p>						<p><i>1 Cattle Weigh-in 8:00</i></p>
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<p><i>6 Cloverbuds 3:30-4:30  Federation 5:00</i></p>	<i>7</i>	<p><i>8  Claire Simmons</i></p>
<p><i>9  Gannon Boren  Phil Healy</i></p>	<i>10</i>	<p><i>11 Braden Tomm Briggs Marsh Cora Hughes</i></p>	<p><i>12  Amy Buchanan</i></p>	<i>13</i>	<p><i>14  Brinley Gholson</i></p>	<p><i>15  Lincoln Draper</i></p>
<p><i>16  Jennifer Carter</i></p>	<i>17</i>	<p><i>18  Cade Marshall</i></p>	<p><i>19  Kendall Brodie</i></p>	<p><i>20 Cloverbuds 3:30-4:30</i></p>	<p><i>21 Cosmic Bowling 6:00</i></p>	<p><i>22  Wren Morrison</i></p>
<p><i>23  Eva Wilson</i></p>	<i>24</i>	<p><i>25  Quinn Forston</i></p>	<p><i>26  Kali Kittinger</i></p>	<i>27</i>	<p><i>28  Troy Mosberger</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)**

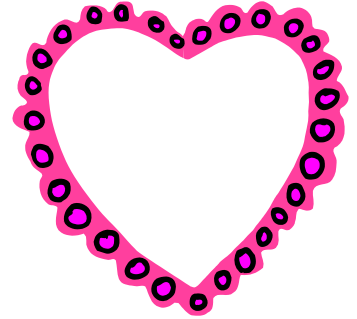
**- Weigh/Tattoo procedures for Open & Jr. Premiere & Live Show Wethers:**

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



### **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.



The eighth annual Backyard Maple Syrup Production Workshop is being held on **Saturday, February 1st** 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>



Youth 5 - 7 years of age **can join 4-H** as a 4-H Cloverbud!

**\$10 covers ALL your costs for 7 meetings.**

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

Feb. 6	Feb. 20	Mar. 6	Mar. 27	Apr. 10
	Apr. 24	May 8		

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 6*

*5:00pm*

*Extension Office*



# MOMENTS

that **MATTER**

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



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Illinois 4-H is excited to offer a virtual photo contest to youth 8-19 years of age. In the “Moments That Matter” 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to capture the moments in life that hold deep meaning, joy, and significance.

Through this theme, we encourage participants to look beyond the surface and photograph experiences, people, and places that resonate on a personal level. Submit one (1) to two (2) images with no or minimal editing, along with one-two sentences on why this moment matters to you by 11:59 (CST) on February 3rd, 2025.

Find more information and participate at [go.illinois.edu/momentsthatmatter](https://go.illinois.edu/momentsthatmatter).



## 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 10**.

Illinois 4-H will be hosting a virtual **Speaking for Illinois 4-H** training **Monday, February 10 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. Staff are welcome to attend this event to learn more about this opportunity. Please use the attached graphic to promote this event to members on social media. Newsletter short for this event is listed below and will be shared on the state newsletter.

Registration- <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/35557>

Registration Deadline- February 10 at 1 pm.



## UNIT 24 COSMIC BOWLING

**Calling All 4-H Members and Volunteers...**You are invited to a fun evening of COSMIC BOWLING at Ross Cottom Lanes on **Friday Night, February 21, 2025** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The cost is only **\$4.50** per game, per person. If you bowl 2 games or more, the shoe rental will be waived.

So...Bowl one game - \$4.50 + \$3.50 shoe rental = \$8.00

Bowl two games - \$4.50 + \$4.50 + \$0 shoe rental = \$9.00

We are joining 4-H members from 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 13th!**

### COSMIC BOWLING COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are collecting supplies for our local Ronald McDonald's House Charity.

We ask that families attending Cosmic Bowling bring any of the items if possible on the list found here in the Feb. Newsletter:

Thanks so much for your generosity!



## Farm Credit Illinois Community Improvement Grants

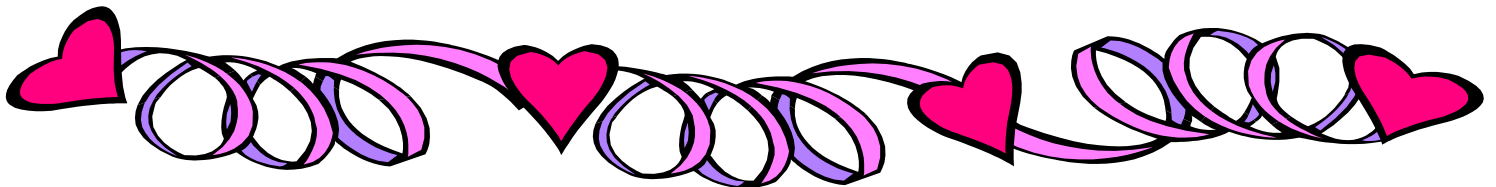


Farm Credit Services Illinois Community

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, 2025.

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

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



## 4-H Project Grants Available



The White County Farm Bureau is pleased to sponsor the 2025 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, 2025.

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](http://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 in March!**

**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 4 & Thursday, March 6 from 6-8pm and Saturday, March 8, 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 3.

**Space is limited to 50 participants.**



Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline and White counties



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

For a community service project 4-H will be collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House of the Ohio Valley.

The Ronald McDonald House program provides housing to keep families together and provide a warm and loving home away from home. The Ronald McDonald House provides comfort, support and access to resources families during hospital stays.

## Items to be collected:

- Toiletries
- First Aid Supplies
- Laundry Supplies
- Disinfecting Spray/wipes
- All-Purpose Cleaner
- Rubber Gloves
- Crayons/Colored Pencils (up to 16 count)
- Card Games
- Puzzle books for adults
- Board books for babies and toddlers
- White Queen Size Sheets (300+ thread count)
- White bath and hand towels
- White washcloths and bath mats
- Queen size waterproof mattress pads
- AA and AAA batteries

**Due to the medical circumstances of guests, only new and unopened items can be donated.**

A field trip to deliver items and tour one of the facilities in Evansville will be planned for Spring.

**Items will be collected  
February 1, 2025 - April 1, 2025**

Contact Amy McCarty at the White County Extension office with questions (618) 382-2662

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# Unit 24 Public Presentations Contest & Demonstrations

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 20, 2025  
6:00 PM**

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

**Deadline to enroll: March 14, 2025**  
**Contact your local Extension Office to enroll  
and for any questions.**

1715 College Ave  
Carmi, IL 62821



## Community Service Project

Donations of non-perishable food  
items will be accepted for the  
Unit 24 Blessing Boxes



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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>
<b>PARTICIPATION</b>	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	
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>		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
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	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
<b>PROJECT LEARNING</b>		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 3/29	State Shotgun Shoot  QAEC/YQCA  Livestock Skillathon Contest & Workshop 11/9/24  Hispanic Heritage Month  Native American Heritage Month  Moments That Matter Photography Contest



♥ happy ♥  
*Valentine's*  
♥ day ♥

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