

White County 4-H News



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March 2025

Even though we are a couple of days short in February, it flew by. This newsletter is FULL of upcoming events, DEADLINES, and scholarships. Read it carefully!!!

The Cloverbud program kicked off on February 6 with 16 members!

The leather workshop series will begin March 3. If you are interested in joining this SPIN club, please let Charlie Nolan or Amy know.

This year the Support Committee is going to have their boneless pork loin sale once again, we are adding a rack of ribs again as well for \$30.00 since it was a success last year! Mark your calendars for April 19th for pick up!!

More information is in the newsletter! Get the word out and let's make this a successful fundraiser once again!

Mark your calendars

March 2025

Pork Loin PSA's—March 3, 4, and 6

March 3 Leather 3:30-5:30

March 4, 6, & 8 Hunter Safety Course

March 6 Cloverbuds - 3:30-4:30
Federation - 5:00
Weather Permitting Working in the Garden

March 10 Leather 3:30-5:30

March 17 Trivia Night—Hamilton County @ 6:00
Leather 3:30-5:30

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

March 22 Swine Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds @ 8 AM

March 24 Leather 3:30-5:30

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

April 2025

April 4 Pork Loin Pre-Order Sale Deadline

April 5 YQCA in-person in Saline County @ 11:00

April 10 Cloverbuds 3:30-4:30 @ Ext. Office
Federation 5:00

April 19 War Horse Swine Spring Preview Show
Support Committee Pork Loin/Rib Sale Pick up
2:30-5:30 @ Extension Office

April 22 Support Committee - 5:00
Livestock Committee - 6:00

April 24 Cloverbuds - 3:30-4:30 @ GIFT Garden
Clean up at the GIFT Garden @ 5:00

April 27 Experience Award Banquet—Invites Only

May 2025

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

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.



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>March Publication Orders Due by March 14</i>						<i>1</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Hunter Safety</i> <i>Keirann Nield</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Cloverbuds Federation</i> <i>Hunter Safety</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Brett Tomm</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Hunter Safety</i> <i>Jolene Rankin</i>
<i>9</i> <i>Reese Wilson</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Addy Sutton</i> <i>Bethany Sutton</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Katelyn Allen</i>
<i>16</i> <i>Maren Haley</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Trivia Night</i> <i>6:00</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Brynlee Sauls</i> <i>Olivia Howard</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Unit 24 Public Presentations</i>	<i>21</i> <i>River Morrison</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Swine Weigh-in</i> <i>8:00</i>
<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Aidan Jordan</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Cloverbuds 3:30-4:30</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Jaclyn Garner</i> <i>Drew Williams</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i>	<i>31</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.
- 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.

Happy 
St. Patrick's Day

**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.

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.

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.



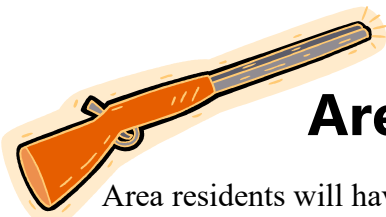
The program is designed to encourage young 4-Hers to begin new projects by eliminating potential cost burdens they may have; as well as encourage new individuals to become active in the White County 4-H program.

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.

If you have questions regarding requirements of the 4-H Project Grant Program, please call the Farm Bureau office (618) 382-8512.



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 Ext. 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.**



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

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

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.



Test Your Knowledge at Trivia Night

The Barbwire Gang 4-H Club will host a Unit 24 4-H Trivia Night on Monday, March 17 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the courthouse basement. All clubs are invited and can enter as many teams as you like.

There is no fee to participate and prizes will be awarded.

All ages are encouraged to play along. There will be many different topics and categories and you may be surprised by the amount of useless knowledge you have stored in your brain. Please contact the office by March 14 with your entries.

A taco bar meal will be provided at 5:30.

Youth are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Barbwire Gang Gives Back Box that is at the GIFT Garden. This will provide you with a multi-county event and service project for your records.





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:**

1715 College Ave
Carmi, IL 62821

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



Community Service Project

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



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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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White Co 4-H
Support Committee
PORK LOIN & RIB SALE



(SCAN HERE TO ORDER)

**U OF I EXTENSION OFFICE
1715 COLLEGE AVE. CARM, IL 62821**

**HALF BONELESS
PORK LOIN - \$25.00
RACK OF RIBS - \$30.00**

Money raised by the Support Committee:

- Helps fund trips
- Pays part of youth 4-H enrollment
- Provides a discount on 4-H project manuals
- Helps purchase awards

**This is the main fundraiser of the year,
your support is greatly appreciated!**

PRE-ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 4, 2025
MONEY DUE AT THE TIME OF PICK UP
OR PAY ONLINE

**PICK UP - APRIL 19
2:30-5:30**

3 easy ways to Pre-Order:

Google Docs: <https://go.illinois.edu/PorkLoinAndRibSale>

Call: 618-382-2662

Email: amccarty@illinois.edu

(Name, phone number, and
amount required on all orders.)

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!



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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4-H DAY

with the
Cardinals

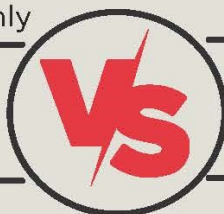
TICKET ONLY
\$26
*All sales final
T-SHIRT INCLUDED!



SATURDAY
24
MAY

*payment is by credit card only

CARDINALS



DIAMONDBACKS

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 Diamondbacks!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 21

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Each ticket order enters your name into a drawing to win autographed baseballs and other prizes. One 4-H Member from Missouri and one 4-H Member from Illinois will be drawn to throw out the first pitch! Winners will be notified after May 7 and prizes will be mailed after the game.

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

REGISTER HERE:

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

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

PARADE/RAFFLE QUESTIONS? Contact Tanner Adkins at tadkins@missouri.edu



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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 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 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 Scraps to Stories Wkhp



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