Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter

December 2022/January 2023

Happening Now

December

9 PSEP training for farmers 10 a.m. COUNTRY Financial Hall
11 Little Wabash Ramblers Meeting
13 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. at the Christian Church 6:30 p.m.
14 Ellery Panthers Mtg. Little Prairie Christian Church 6:00 p.m.
14 Yankees Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
15 Tag-A-Long Coloring Contest Sheets Due at Extension office
16 Deadline for Project and Activity Book Cover Contest
20 Holiday Make & Take Workshop 1:30-3:00 p.m.
23-Jan. 2 Extension office will be closed for Holiday

January

1 Steer Enrollment Deadline - must be in possession
10 Deadline to contact office and register your steers!
10 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. at the Christian Church 6:30 p.m.
16 Extension Office Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
16 Public Speaking Workshop 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Extension office
17 Blue Ribbon Mtg. COUNTRY Financial Hall 6:00 p.m.
18 Yankees Mtg. 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
25 Ellery Panthers Mtg. Little Prairie Christian Church 6:00 p.m.
27 PSEP training for farmers 10 a.m. COUNTRY Financial Hall
28 Shooting Sports Mtg. Sportsmen’s Club 8:00 a.m.
31 Deadline for Barrow Booster Program

A Reminder No Shooting Sports in December

We are looking for someone to volunteer to be the Master of Ceremonies for our annual Speech Contest, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. Call the office if you have interest!
Barrow Boosters Program

The Barrow Boosters Program will be continued for the 2023 year. We had great participation and it was very successful. The barrows were all well cared for and everyone that took part had them prepared for the showring. One of the barrows that was purchased through the program was shown by Aly Williams. Aly’s barrow was the Reserve Grand Champion in the Market Class. This barrow sold for $2,600 at the Youth Auction.

- The first-year members enrolling in a swine project will be offered a barrow for $50.
- Members that participated in 2022 will be extended a “continuation” program. They can purchase a barrow for $125.
- Deadline for entries into the program will be January 31, 2023.

Questions about Barrow Boosters call:
Derek Moore 618-599-2885
Russell Moore 618-599-3330
Trent Thompson 618-302-7980

Beef Weigh-In - Sunday, February 5, 1:30 p.m.

We will be weighing steers again this year for Rate-of-Gain

- Weigh-In will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 5 at Albion Stockyards.

- All members, with a steer, wanting to participate in Rate-of-Gain must be weighed and tagged. All steers going to the 2023 Illinois State Fair will be tattooed during weigh-in.

- All steers have to be registered with the Extension office by Tuesday, January 10.

- An alternate date will be February 19, in case of bad weather.

- For questions about weigh-in, call Greg Shelton @ 618-384-6539.
State Events

January 2023
January 21-22 Youth Livestock Conference

February 2023
February 10-12 4-H Food Action Summit

March 2023
March 4-5 4-H Changemakers
March 9-12 Ignite by 4-H

April 2023
April 1 State Awards Banquet
April 14-19 National 4-H Conference
April 29 State Public Speaking Competition

May 2023
May 13 State Robotics Competition

June 2023
June 4 4-H Camp
June 25-29 4-H Illini Summer Academies
June, exact date TBD Citizenship Washington Focus

July 2023
July 6-8 4-H Teen Leadership Camp
July 10-13 True Leaders in Equity Institute
July 24-August 4 Digital Agriculture Training Course

August 2023
August 11-13 General Projects days at State Fair

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs & cats MUST complete online QAEC to show at Fair. This is a one time certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All new members enrolled in these projects and or any members who have not taken it before.

The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1.

You can find the online training at:
http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records.
If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension Office.
Environment

Get your bird feeders ready; download a free awesome bird I.D. and species reporting apps; and decide if you want to report as an individual or a group! Do this as a 4-H Club activity!

When? The official count is **February 17-20, 2023**

Learn more at: [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)

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**Holiday Make & Take Workshop**

You don’t want to miss the Holiday Make & Take Workshop! It will be held at the Extension office on Tuesday, December 20 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Register at:

[https://go.illinois.edu/Edwardsholidaymaketakeworkshop](https://go.illinois.edu/Edwardsholidaymaketakeworkshop)

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It is time to be thinking about the 2023 Fair! Members, help us design the 2023 Project and Activity Handbook Front and Back Covers!
Robotics Volunteer

We are actively seeking an individual or individuals that would like to volunteer their time as a Spin Club Leader for a Robotics club. Please, contact the Extension office at 618-445-2934, if you or you know someone that might be interested.

Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 10. Line up starts at 4:00 p.m. at the Edwards County Fairgrounds. Parades starts at 5:30 p.m. The theme this year is “Christmas at the Movies”. We hope to see Edwards County 4-H taking part!

Public Speaking Workshop

Come to the Public Speaking Workshop, on January 16, from 10:00—11:00 a.m. to learn things to prepare you for the Public Speaking Contest. Michaela Greathouse will be leading the workshop.

YQCA Training

We will be having YQCA trainings starting in January. Watch Edwards County 4-H Facebook page and your emails for dates and times. Members that have projects in Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goats are required to take this training yearly.

Farm Credit Scholarships & Community Improvement Grants

Farm Credit Illinois have announced their 2023 Agriculture Scholarship and Community Improvement Grant programs. Thirty $2,500 Agriculture Scholarships are available to high school seniors planning to enroll in agriculture. Fifty $500 Community Improvement Grants are available to 4-H clubs to assist youth members in bringing positive change to their community.

Links to apply:

Scholarship: www.farmcreditil.com/About/community-engagement/Scholarships

Community Improvement Grant: www.farmcreditIL.com/About/community-engagement/improvement-grants

Deadline to submit is Tuesday, February 28, 2023

New Members

We have several new members in 4-H this year! We are happy that you have joined in on the fun and learning experience of being a part of 4-H.
**Invites**

Have you invited a friend to join you at a club meeting this new 4-H year?? Did they attend? If so, please contact djc@illinois.edu or the Extension office at 618-445-2934 and get your name in the hat for a chance to win a prize! Winner will be announced in January!!

**4-H Enrollments**

Thanks to the members who have completed their enrollment/re-enrollments! If you have not yet done this, don’t delay. We will be getting project books to members after your enrollment has been completed. If you need help contact djc@illinois.edu.

**Steer Deadline Fast Approaching**

All steers need to be in the 4-H members possession by Jan. 1, 2023. If you have steers contact djc@illinois.edu or 618-445-2934 by Jan. 10 to register them. We need to know how many you have, what color they are, and if they are registered or crossbreeds.

**Tag-A-Long Coloring Contest**

Coloring contest sheets need to be returned by Thursday, December 15. They can be returned to Extension office before 4:30 or placed in the tote by the west door or emailed to djc@illinois.edu

**Speech Contest-Challenge**

Speech Contest date is Monday, February 20, at the Farm Bureau basement, starting at 6:30 p.m.

We would like to challenge each club to have at least TWO members do a speech this year! We know it’s hard to get up in front of people and make a speech.....just think of it as telling a story. You do not need to be an expert, we would just like to see more kids take on this challenge! Are you up for it?

Your speech can be about whatever you like. It does not have to be project related. Tell us about a hobby, (deer hunting, knitting, reading, sports, riding a horse) Just give it a try! See what creative ideas you can show us!!

**Animal Livestock Dates**

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

All market barrows, goats, wethers and ewe lambs must be in member’s possession at least 60 days prior to show. Market goats will need to be between 4-8 months old at the time of the show. Gilts and all swine breeding stock and beef or dairy yearling heifers must be in the member’s possession by April 1. Bucket Calves must be born between February 1 and April 1. They must be in member’s possession within 2 weeks of birth and must be at least 90 days old when shown. Steers must be in members possession by January 1.

The above dates are when all 4-H’ers with these projects must have the animals in their possession.

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Edwards County 4-H
CHRISTMAS
WORD SEARCH

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BELLS  CANDLES  CANDY CANE  CARDS  CELEBRATE  CHIMNEY  CHRISTMAS
RUDOLPH  SANTA  SEASON  SLEIGH  STOCKING  TREE  WREATH
ELVES  FROSTY  GIFT  GIVING  GREETINGS  HOLIDAY  JOLLY
JOY  MERRY  MISTLETOE  NOEL  NORTH POLE  REINDEER

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