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Happening Now



February

11 Cardinals Mtg. Christian Church, 7:00 p.m.
17 Federation Meeting, El Gallito Restaurant 5:00 p.m.
17 YQCA Training, Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.
19 Blue Ribbon Mtg. at Farm Bureau 6:00 p.m.
19 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. 6:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Church
19 Yankee Mtg. at WS Moravian Church 7:00 p.m.
21 Ag Awareness/Project Book Poster Contest entries due—PRIZES
22 Shooting Sports Mtg./Shoot 8:00 a.m. at Sportsmen's Club
26 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Little Prairie Church
28 Club Farm Credit Community Improvement Grants due online

March

1 Farm Bureau Young Leader's Collegiate Scholarship Due
1 **4-H Project Deadline**
2 Farm Bureau Women's Committee 4-H Grant Apps. Due
7 Meal Packaging Event/COUNTRY Financial Hall/10 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
9 Speech and Demonstration Contest 5:00 p.m. Farm Bureau Basement
14 YQCA Training, Extension Office, 9:00 a.m.
31 Ag Olympics, Edwards Co. Fairgrounds 6:00 p.m.

Be a true leader in service



April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

Here's help to pay for college

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com by February 28. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

Get cash to help improve your community

Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible at farmcreditIL.com.



YES! YOU CAN!

College students can put their 4-H experience to work while they develop their professional skills in youth development, group facilitation, critical thinking, and program management as a Project Youth Extension Service (YES!) intern. Project YES! Interns provide educational activities for youth of military families. This is a 12-month internship for college juniors, seniors, and graduate students and runs June 2020 – May 2021. Interns must attend the mandatory orientation, currently scheduled for May 22-30, 2020 as well as additional training throughout the year (as required). Following orientation, interns may work 1-2 weekends a month, however interns must commit to a minimum of one weekend per month (Fri-Sun) for the duration of the internship. Additional opportunities may be presented during the summer months and throughout the year. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 29. Apply @ www.projectyouthextension.com.

Explore a future in agriculture

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>. Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.

**Important Reminder-4-H Project Deadline
March 1st, no projects can be added beyond this date!**



I PLEDGE ... MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY



Don't be chicken; hop on over

February 8 | 9 to 11 AM | Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont

Register by February 7 @ go.illinois.edu/LATclinic

Learn to show poultry and rabbits from one of the leading Illinois 4-H judges, Mike Claypool. The workshop is open to any 4-H members, and there is no cost. You can even bring your chicken or rabbit with you to get health and showing advice. The workshop is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.

Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM**. (new release time)

The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.

New projects at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports

The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.

Ewe lambs are now eligible for the premier show.

Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29**.

The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.

The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.

The **junior rabbit show** begins Saturday, Aug. 22.

Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

Edwards County exhibit day is Sunday, August 16.



Study food science and win cash

Science is cool, and now it pays! A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the top food science project in each county by the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation. Be sure to enroll in one of the four food science projects and learn more about the foundation. Look for more information this summer.



How strong is your 4-H family spirit?

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. On-line applications are available at: 4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award. **Nominations are due May 1.**

Let's go fishing

May 2 – 3 | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello

Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

Nothing beats summer at 4-H Memorial Camp

5 weeks to choose: Learn more and register online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year. Cost is \$250 for 4-H members or \$290 for youth not yet in 4-H. The fee includes a camp t-shirt and \$15 in credit at the Trading Post. No extra cash is needed for camp!

Week 1: June 2-6

Week 2: June 7-11

Week 3: June 14-18

Week 4: July 5-9

Week 5: July 26-30





Edwards Co. 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.

These rules are on page 5 rule # 6 of Project & Activity Book.

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 members needing to take QAEC will receive a notice in the mail.

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.

YQCA CERTIFICATION

If you are enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep and goats this certification is required to show your animals starting for the 2020 show season. Two dates have been set to complete YQCA training, at the Extension office. First date: Monday, February 17, 6:00 pm, Second date: Saturday, March 14, 9:00 am. Register at <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login> When registering select instructor led, there is a \$3.00 fee, which needs to be paid by credit card. If you have any questions when registering please call the Extension office at 618-445-2934.

Off Premise Forms

If your livestock is not housed at your home you need to get a livestock Off Premise Form have it signed by proper signatures and turn it in to the office.

This needs to be done even if you house your livestock at a grandparents home!

Call the office to get a form or go on to the Extension Website to print one.

Volunteers Needed

FOR

Edwards County 4-H Meal Packaging Event

WHEN

MARCH 7

10am – 12:30pm

WHERE

COUNTRY Financial Hall

Help Us Reach Our Goal Of Packaging 10,000 Meals!

**REGISTER ONLINE AT: [HTTP://
EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/ELRWW](http://extension.illinois.edu/elrww)**

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time for meeting your ac-
cess needs.



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!

Edwards County 4-H

Project Book Cover Contest/Ag Safety Awareness Week Combine

Each year we have a cover contest for the back page of our project and activity book. Again we have joined with Farm Bureau. To participate you need to use a normal size poster board, design a poster promoting safety in agriculture and rural communities, using the national theme **"20:20 Vision on Ag Safety"** Help promote a safety message to your friends, family and community by creating a poster with the 2020 theme. Return your poster to the Extension office by Friday, February 21. You can do this as an individual or a group. There will be two divisions: Ages 13 and under and 14 and over. All posters will be displayed around Edwards County during Ag Safety Awareness Week (March 1-7) On the front of the poster please include the name(s) of those involved in making the poster, and your 4-H club. Each poster must have the 2020 theme clearly visible. At least one poster in each division will receive a monetary prize from Farm Bureau. The winning poster will also be displayed on the back of the 4-H project and Activity book for 2020. Start making those posters!

New Members still Welcome!

You still have time to join 4-H or grab a friend to come along. We like new members, and it is a good way to hang out and have some fun. The fair will be coming soon so be sure you are enrolled and eligible to participate!

Edwards Co. Fair date is SET!

Our fair date has been set and will be July 22-August 1. Shows are being finalized and the schedule will soon be available. If you have any questions, contact the office.

Farm Bureau Women's Grants Due

Are you a young 4-H member ages 8-12 years old? If so this is a great opportunity for you. Fill out a simple grant form and have the chance to receive money to help assist you in your 4-H project. Examples: art supplies, display boxes, halters, cages etc. The Farm Bureau Women's Committee has offered this grant for several year, and helps youth prepare and have the supplies they need for a successful 4-H project. Stop by the Extension office for an application or see your leader. Be sure to turn your application in to the Farm Bureau office by March 2 to qualify.

Ag Olympics Date Set

Edwards County Young Leaders have announced the date and time for Ag Olympics. It is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 starting at 6:00 p.m., at the Edwards County Fairgrounds. Entry fee is non-perishable food items or personal hygiene items. Save the date and time!

Tag-A-Long Cloverbuds

We are really excited to see our Tag-A-Long Cloverbud program growing! If you know of anyone else who would like to join, it is not to late. Official age is 5-7 years old as of September 1,2019.

Sr. Federation Meeting Date

All youth who are in High School are encouraged and welcome to attend the next Sr. Federation meeting on Feb. 17, 5:00 p.m. at the El Gallito Restaurant. Any questions contact Debbie Fearn or the office.

Speech & Demonstration Contest

We are looking for youth from each community club to participate in our annual speech and demonstration contest on March 9, 2020 starting at 5:00 p.m.

You don't have to have experience, or be a polished speaker to give this a try! We want to really encourage you to participate. Call the office with your name, the name of your speech or demonstration, and what category it falls under and we will save you a spot!! Come on don't be shy, this will be fun! Official guidelines are below:

Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish (Original Oratory), or choose one of these four topics on which to speak (Topical Response):

- Welcome to the Digital Age
- What is My Connection to the Global Community?
- Power: Who Has It, Who Doesn't, and Does It Matter?
- If I Could See tomorrow...

Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive. Illustrated speeches may be:

- How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.
- Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.
- Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

Sign up Deadline for the Speech and Demonstration Contest is Friday, March 6! Call the Extension office at 618.445.2934.

Original Works | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed |

Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Broadcast Media Program
- Theatrical
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Theatrical Interpretation
- Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure, such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Demonstrations—(not eligible for state fair)

Demonstrations may pertain to any topic. Demonstrations may be given by an individual or a team of two members. Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing all equipment and supplies needed. Demonstrations must be 8-10 minutes in length.