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Happening Now



February

- 9 Cardinals Mtg. Christian Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Blue Ribbon Mtg. at Country Financial Hall 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Yankee Mtg. at WS Moravian Church 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Little Prairie Church
- 27 Shooting Sports Mtg./Shoot 8:00 a.m. at Sportsmen's Club
- Little Wabash Ramblers meeting date TBA by text to members

March

- 1 Farm Bureau Young Leader's Collegiate Scholarship Apps. Due
- 1 **4-H Project Deadline**
- 1 Farm Bureau Women's Committee 4-H Grant Apps. Due
- 12 Club Farm Credit Community Improvement Grants due online
- 12 Farm Credit Scholarships due
- 15 Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship Apps. Due

**All club meetings are tentative at this time.
Leaders will contact club members of changes.**



I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

Speaking for Illinois 4-H



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 **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. Registration will close March 4.

2021 National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

Register here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>

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I PLEDGE ... MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment.

Shooting Sports



Results of the first annual Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports Virtual Shoot are now posted on the Illinois 4-H events website, or click here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/4HVirtualShootResults2020>

Over 420 scores were posted and ribbons have been mailed to the top ten winners in shotgun; air rifle; compound archery; and recurve archery. Congratulations to all the participants and especially the 4-H leaders that went to the extra effort to offer this contest to their local shooting sports 4-H clubs! Thank you, volunteers!



4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.



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GET READY FOR Barred Owl Nest Box Monitoring Season

Remind your local 4-H families and clubs involved in the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge to prepare to monitor their nest boxes weekly or bi-weekly in March and April! Send the [NestWatch data sheet](#) to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu by June 1, 2021 so we can tally the results! Momma owl is looking for nesting sites right now and she'll decide in February what suits her best! Stay the course – good science takes effort.

INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile!

Feel free to [share your 4-H Story](#) today!

WE HOPE YOU STAY CONNECTED TO US!

We hope you will engage with us online and help create a network of 4-H alumni.

Linked In: <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>

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This virtual speaker series will feature current USDA researchers, scientists, technicians, engineers, foresters, other STEM related program managers. These virtual sessions will allow students from high school and college students from Minority Serving Institutions and School Districts to engage with current USDA professionals and learn about their story, career path, and exciting projects and initiatives they may be working on at USDA that serve the public interest, while helping to inspire the next generation of the agricultural workforce!

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT: JULIO.PUENTES@USDA.GOV
RUBY.DELAGARZA@USDA.GOV

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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 3 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 contact Debra at djc@illinois.edu

YQCA CERTIFICATION

If you are enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep and goats this certification is required to show your animals for the 2021 show season. Training dates will be set, for a later date. There is a \$3.00 fee for instructor led training, which will need paid by a credit card. **More information will be in the March Newsletter!**

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!

Contact Debra at djc@illinois.edu or go on to the Extension Website to print one.



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 4-H CLUBS

It is time to roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact in your community! Farm Credit Illinois 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 in Extension Units in southern & central Illinois. **Applications are due March 12, 2021.**

Access the application using the following link: www.farmcreditIL.com/community

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H MEMBERS

4-H members who are Illinois High School Seniors with agricultural career aspiration planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall can apply for one of 30 \$2,000 scholarships. Two under-represented minority student applicants will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars. **Applications are due March 12, 2021.**

Access the application using the following link: www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship

2021 Edwards County Farm Bureau Scholarships

Young Leaders Scholarship: Due March 1, 2021

\$750 or more will be awarded in a scholarship or scholarships for students who will be a freshman or sophomore in college studying agriculture and/or have been in 4-H and/or FFA for their entire high school career. Must have an Edwards County address. Scholarship application can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/203563984394063>

Foundation Scholarship: Due March 15, 2021

At least one scholarship in the amount of at least \$1000 for students who will be a junior or above in college studying agriculture.

Scholarship application can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/210034308042034>



For the complete criteria for each scholarship or for a direct link to be emailed to you: email.managerecfb@gmail.com



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!
Edwards County 4-H

Edwards Co. Fair date is SET!

Our fair date has been set and will be July 21-July 31. Shows are being finalized and the schedule will soon be available. If you have any questions, contact the office.

Dog Classes

Dog classes will possibly begin starting in April. More information will be available at a later date. Watch Edwards County 4-H Facebook and your emails.

Horse Clinic

We hope to offer a horse clinic in the spring. More information will be available later!

Virtual Workshops

We would love to have you register for a couple of workshops!

Popsicle Stick LED Flashlight is open to 3rd—8th grade. Register at:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23076>

Valentine Bookmarks is open to Tag-A-Longs—3rd grade. Register at:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23096>

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

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 years, and helps youth prepare and have the supplies they need for a successful 4-H project. Applications are on the Extension website or see your leader. Be sure to turn your application in to the Farm Bureau office by March 1 to qualify.

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 too late. Official age is 5-7 years old as of September 1, 2020.

4-H in a Bag

Members have the opportunity to take part in activities through the month of April. Activities and links are posted on Edwards County 4-H Facebook page! These activities are for members in the 5 county unit.

February—Fresh Chef

March—Origami

April—DIY Birdfeeder

Enrollments

If you haven't enrolled for the 2020-2021 4-H year get this completed soon! Contact Debra if you need help with enrollment.

Speech & Demonstration Contest

We are looking for youth from each community club to participate in our annual speech and demonstration contest on Monday, April 12, 2021 starting at 6:00 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 | 4-6 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.

Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-6 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, April 9!

Call the Extension office at:

618-445-2934 or email

djc@illinois.edu.

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

Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 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 | 4-6 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.



4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

1. **It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot?**
2. **Let's Play!**

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

1. **One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go!**
2. **Summer Fun!**

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Don't forget - all 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug! We have had great participation so far and if you have already attended at least one session, you are on your way to receiving your Café Conversations mug!