



Edwards County 4-H Happenings!



September 2020

Calendar of 4-H Events

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September

- 1 New Year Start for 4-H
- 8 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Christian Church
- 16 Yankees Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Moravian Church
- 16 Blue Ribbon Mtg. 6:00 p.m. South Side of Fairgrounds by Exhibition Building
- Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. Date To Be Decided
- 23 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at LPCC
- 25 Records/Award Applications due at Extension Office
- 26 Shooting Sports 8:00 a.m. Sportsmen's Club

October

- 1-31 STEM Challenge Month
- 4-10 National 4-H Week "Opportunity4All"

November

- 1 Deadline for Illinois 4-H Scholarship & Sustaining the Future Award
- 6 Tentative date for Achievement Night, watch for updates



National 4-H Week – October 4-10, 2020
Theme: Opportunity4ALL

National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **Opportunity4ALL**. We are lifting up youth voices and helping kids get equal access to the resources they need to thrive. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 4 – 10. 4-H Spirit Day will be held Wednesday, October 7. Encourage your clubs to show their 4-H pride and wear a clover! Use the hashtag #Opportunity4All or #National4HWeek as you share your 4-H activities on social media. We will be sharing more information in the coming weeks.



Edwards County 4-H



Award Forms

All forms for County Awards can be found on the Extension Website:
<http://extension.illinois.edu/elrww> If you are planning on applying for an award, please plan on attending Achievement Night.

T-Shirt Designs

Be sure to get your t-shirt designs in! Post them to the Unit #25 Extension Facebook page: [Illinois Extension- Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash and Wayne Counties](#) The design with the most likes on September 8 will be the design for Unit #25. All members that participated in a Virtual Show will receive a t-shirt.

Club Meetings

All Edwards County 4-H clubs will be having face to face meetings soon. Guidelines will need to be followed. Social distancing will be mandatory and if meeting has to be held inside masks must be worn, with a limited number of attendees. Let's follow the state guidelines, so we can continue having our meetings and having a successful and memorable 4-H year.

4-H Year Begins September 1st

The new 2020-2021 4-H year begins September 1, 2020 Youth ages 8-18 by September 1, 2020 may enroll as a 4-H member. Youth ages 5-7 by September 1, 2020 can enroll as a Tag-A-Long. Invite a friend to your next meeting and encourage classmates to join the fun of 4-H!

Record Collection Coming Soon!

Records due in Extension office by September 25. Please turn in all your records to your leader prior to this date in order to be eligible for awards. Remember if you turn in records make sure you have done them! Please note: All secretary and treasurer books MUST be turned in by this deadline! Club scrapbooks, if available, need to be turned in by this date as well. A tote will be set out by the west door of Extension office starting September 8, if you want to drop off records. It will be checked daily.

Achievement Night

Achievement Night is tentatively scheduled for November 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now. We hope to celebrate with all 4-H members and their families. Watch for updates!

Congratulations Ava!

Ava Anderson has been selected to be a team member of Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy Team. It is a new statewide leadership opportunity for Illinois youth seeking to improve food security and food access in their communities. Members of this group are from across the state of Illinois who are recognized for their leadership abilities and who want to increase their impact on the future of food in Illinois.

Sr. Federation

All High School aged youth are welcome and encouraged to join Sr. Federation. You are eligible if you are a member of 4-H and in high school. Call Debbie Fearn with any questions.

JUST THE HELP YOU NEED FOR YOUR 4-H CLUB

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

Go to go.illinois.edu/IL4H

Click on the **Clubs** tab.

Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page

Find these helpful documents:

Club Meeting Agenda – this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.

Club Committee Planning Worksheet – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.

Club Yearly Program Plan – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.

More – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.

Did you Know???

☺ Lots of pictures have been posted on Facebook from the Virtual 4-H Shows. Take time to look up "Edwards County 4-H". Like the page too!

Time to Recruit New MEMBERS!

Our new 4-H year begins on Sept. 1st. We lost a few members due to the completion of their 4-H career. We now call these members alumni. You were a great group and we will miss you! Of course, we hope to see you at the fairs in years to come, and still present to help us carry on 4-H for the younger youth! **Now is the time to ask new members to join!! Ask a new prospective member to join your club meeting!! IF they actually attend a meeting with you email djc@illinois.edu and have your name put in the pot for a CASH prize!! If you have two friends attend a meeting you get two names added. This is a chance to Win something cool and get a friend in your club!! Offer goes until Jan. 1st so let's start asking friends NOW!**



Edwards County 4-H Dog Show Results

The Edwards County 4-H Dog Show was completed with 2 participants in the Dog Care class. Kaylie Vallette and Adelynn McCaleb were both awarded blue ribbons.

Edwards County Equine Show

The Edwards County 4-H Virtual Equine Show was completed, five individuals participated. All participants received a blue ribbon. Kaylie Vallette entered in the Gelding Halter class with 2 entries, she also took part in the Horsemanship and Showmanship classes. Olivia Bosecker had an entry in the Gelding Halter class, Natalie Shelby was in the Pony Halter class and Josie Shelby was in the Mare Halter class.

Edwards County 4-H Rabbit Show Results

The Edwards County 4-H Rabbit Show had 13 exhibitors show, with a total of 56 entries. Classes and individuals include: Market Fryer: Kaylie Vallette, Riley Delancy, Ashlyn Wise, Faith Hawkins, Hannah Hawkins, Bristol Duncan, Aleya Bare and Lillian Bare; Market Roaster: Kaylie Vallette, Brayden Childers and Ashlyn Wise; All other pure breeds-small size Sr. Buck 6 months and up: Kaylie Vallette (2 entries), Hayley Perry, Lillian Bare and Aleya Bare; All other pure breeds-large Jr. Buck under 6 months: Ashlyn Wise and Kaylie Vallette; All other pure breeds-large Sr. Buck 6 months and up: Aleya Bare (2 entries) and Kaylie Vallette; All other pure breeds-large Sr. Doe 6 months and up: Kaylie Vallette; All other pure breeds-large size Jr. Doe under 6 months: Brayden Childers, Ashlyn Wise and Kaylie Vallette; All other pure breeds-small size Jr. Buck under 6 months: Kaylie Vallette (2 entries); All other pure breeds-small size Jr. Doe under 6 months: Kaylie Vallette (2 entries) and Aleya Bare (2 entries); All other pure breeds-small size Sr. Doe 6 months and up: Kaylie Vallette (2 entries), Hayley Perry, Kwade Sawyer and Lillian Bare; Californian Jr. Buck under 6 months: Kaylie Vallette (2 entries); Californian Jr. Doe under 6 months: Kaylie Vallette; Mini Rex Jr. Buck under 6 months: Kaylie Vallette and Aleya Bare (2 entries); Mini Rex Jr. Doe under 6 months: Aleya Bare (2 entries) and Kaylie Vallette; Mini Rex Sr. Buck 6 months and up: Aleya Bare; Mini Rex Sr. Doe 6 months and up: Lillian Bare and Aleya Bare; Mixed Breeds Jr. Buck under 6 months: Kwade Sawyer; Mixed Breeds Jr. Doe under 6 months: Kaylie Vallette; New Zealand Sr. Buck 6 months and up: Cooper Lynch; New Zealand Sr. Doe 6 months and up: Owen Lynch. All entries were awarded blue ribbons.

2020 Edwards County 4-H Small Pets

The Edwards County 4-H Virtual Small Pets Show was held. Exhibitors and classes include: Cats I: Madison Miller and Kayleigh Sanford; Cats II: Brayden Sanford; Guinea Pigs: Kolby Terry; Other (Snakes): Hezekiah Hawkins and Xander Hawkins. All entries received a blue ribbon.

Edwards County 4-H Sheep Show Results

The Edwards County 4-H Sheep Show was held with a total of seven participants. Market class participants were Alyson Williams, Brooklyn Kitchene, Halley Kocher and Gabe Wyatt. Showing in the Cheviot Purebred Ewe (1yr and under 2) class was J.W. Simms-Reisner. Davina Witte showed in the Suffolk Purebred Ewe Lamb class. Showing in the White Face Cross Breeds and Crossbred Ewe over 2 yr. was Kenleigh Garrett. All members received a blue ribbon.

2020 Edwards County 4-H Poultry Show Results

The judging for the Edwards County Virtual Poultry Show has been completed. All exhibitors were awarded blue ribbons for their entries. Exhibitors and classes included: Market Broiler: Kaylie Vallette and Matthew Bare; Market Fryer: Kaylie Vallette, Wyatt Johnson, Ashlyn Wise, Xander Hawkins, Hezekiah Hawkins, Cooper Lynch, Owen Lynch, Karmyn Duncan and Matthew Bare; 1 Dozen Eggs: Emma Wiseman, Jake Wiseman and Kaylie Vallette (2 entries); Game Birds: Kaylie Vallette (2 entries); Turkeys: Kaylie Vallette (2 entries); Waterfowl: Wyatt Johnson and Kaylie Vallette (2 entries); One Cockerel colored egg layer hatch Jan. 1 or after: Kaylie Vallette (2 entries) and Matthew Bare; One Cockerel fancy breed hatch Jan. 1 or after: Kaylie Vallette (2 entries); One Cockerel white egg layer hatch Jan. 1 or after: Kaylie Vallette (2 entries); One Hen colored egg layer hatched before Jan. 1: Austin Wise and Kaylie Vallette; One Pullet colored egg layer hatch Jan. 1 or after: Kaylie Vallette (2 entries), Austin Wise, Ashlyn Wise, Olivia Bosecker and Matthew Bare (2 entries); One Pullet fancy breed hatched Jan. 1 or after: Natalie Shelby, Kaylie Vallette (2 entries) and Matthew Bare (2 entries); One Pullet white egg layer hatch Jan. 1 or after: Cooper Lynch and Kaylie Vallette (2 entries); One Rooster colored egg layer hatch before Jan. 1: Kaylie Vallette and Austin Wise; One Rooster fancy breed hatch before Jan. 1: Ashlyn Wise.

2020 Edwards County 4-H Goat Show Results

A total of eleven entries was judged in the Edwards County 4-H goat show. All entries received a blue ribbon. Classes and exhibitors included: Market Goats: Kaylie Vallette, Brayden Childers, Riley Delancy, Maverick Moore, Hayley Buerster and Jaycey Buerster; Non-Registered Dairy Female over 5 months but under 1 year: Brayden Childers; Non-Registered percentage and other meat goat breeds Doe 2-5 years: Jaycey Buerster; Non-Registered percentage and other meat goat breeds Doe over 5 years: Maverick Moore; Non-Registered percentage and other meat goat breeds Female under 5 months: Maverick Moore; Registered meat goat Doe 2-5 years: J.W. Simms-Reisner.

2020 Edwards County 4-H Swine Show

The judging for the Virtual Edwards County 4-H Swine show has been completed. Classes and exhibitors included: Market Swine; Laney Stephens, Brayden Sanford (2 entries), Kayleigh Sanford, Cody Greathouse, Wyatt Greathouse, Brook Greathouse, Cheyenne Summerfield and Cheyenne Duncan. Crossbred Gilt by weight: Cheyenne Duncan. Purebred Barrow by weight; Brayden Sanford and Kayleigh Sanford. Purebred gilt born after Jan. 1; Cheyenne Summerfield. All 4-H members received a blue ribbon.

Edwards County 4-H Bucket Calf & Beef Show Results

The Bucket Calf and Beef Shows have been judged. A total of eight Edwards County 4-H members showed in various classes. Classes and exhibitors included: Bucket Beef: Hayley Buerster and Skylar Greathouse; Market Class: Hallie Shelton, Chase Shelton and River Greathouse; Hereford Registered 18 month and up heifer: Cody Greathouse and Wyatt Greathouse; All Other Breeds Registered 12 month – 18 month heifer: Laney Stephens. All 4-H members received a blue ribbon.

4-H SUPERIOR YOUNG LIVESTOCK PRODUCER CONTEST

Who: 4-H members ages 14-18 as of January 1st. On-site walk-up registration
What: 2020 4-H Livestock Skillathon. Compete for one of nine \$1,000 scholarships.
When: Saturday, September 19th. You can start any time between 9:00am - 2:00pm
Where: South show ring of the Junior cattle barn, Illinois State Fairgrounds
Test your knowledge on:
Breeds of cattle, swine and sheep
Multiple choice quiz
Marketing
Equipment identification
Quality assurance
Send questions to Dan Jennings (815-218-4358)

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXPO

Sept 11-13, 2020 (beef / sheep / dairy goats / pygmy goats / rabbits / poultry)
Sept 18-20, 2020 (swine / dairy cattle / meat goats)
Open to ages 8-21. Held at Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL.
This is not a 4-H sponsored activity but may be of interest to you enrolled in related 4-H project areas.
For more information: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Documents/20%20JrLivestock.pdf>





END OF YEAR AWARD TIME IS APPROACHING

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Scholarship Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.

The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

The **Illinois 4-H Scholarship** is a merit-based scholarship to award outstanding work in project areas. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the following categories: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/ Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/ Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth and STEM/Robotics. The deadline to apply is November 1. Apply online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.

Each 4-H member has a story to tell and are eligible for our 4-H awards program – tell YOUR stories and see where they take you!



CLUB RECOGNITION AWARD

Is your 4-H Club doing outstanding work in the areas of Community Service, Leadership or Project Mastery?. If so, you should apply for the Illinois 4-H Club Award! Clubs receiving this award will receive a \$75 cash incentive and an award certificate. This is also a great tool to set goals and plan for the upcoming 4-H year. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.