November Newsletter

Federation News

Federation will have a meeting on Friday, November 11 at 10 a.m. in the Extension office. Youth will be electing officers, finalizing Holiday Workshop plans, and there will be a Veterans program. If you are in 8th grade and up and like to organize workshops and learn about leadership roles then join Federation. Bonus we will be making homemade donuts for our breakfast meeting.

November Office Closures

The office will be closed on Tuesday, November 8 for Election Day. The office will reopen on Wednesday, November 9.

To celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with our families the office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. The office will reopen on Monday, November 28.
New 4-H Enrollment & Registration System is Here!

Illinois 4-H is switching our enrollment and registration system from 4-H Online to ZSuite this fall. We believe this new system will offer a more user-friendly experience and features that will help you stay connected to the 4-H program and find new exciting experiences and opportunities for your kids! Registration is open now. A letter and instructions have been sent to you through the mail on how to set up a new family profile and how to register. There is an option to pay by credit card for the program fee, but we would prefer you pay in the office. New this year is if you have more than three children to pay for in the program the state is offering a discount. You will need to contact the office to obtain a waiver. If you have questions please contact the office and ZSuite has its own IT department and can answer any technical questions. Click this [link](#) to go directly to ZSuite.

The first 100 youth to register and pay the $20 program fee will recieve a backpack! Who doesn't love a backpak?

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Community Service November
Monday, November 7 at 3:30 p.m. Lawrence County 4-H members will be placing 407 flags on Veteran’s graves at the Bridgeport Cemetery. We will need several members to help place flags before the sun goes down. We divide the cemetery up in sections and groups go with a leader who has a paper to tell who will recieve a flag. Once we place the flag we ask that you say the name out loud and thank them for their service. We will leave the flags on until Monday, November 14 when at 3:30 p.m. we will go back and remove them. We hope that you can join us for this historic event. Lawrence County 4-H will be collaborating with members of the Bridgeport First United Methodist Church to provide the community of Lawrence County a flag retiring ceremony. This will take place on Friday, November 11 at 6 p.m. in the parking lot of the Bridgeport First United Methodist Church. The Extension office will be a collection site for flags that are in need of retiring. We hope to see all of you there to help with the ceremony.

Red Hill FFA will be collecting new or gently used duffle bags, backpacks, or suitcases the month of November. These items will be going to kids who are removed from situations by DCFS. When the kids are removed their items are put into a trash bag. Red Hill FFA wants to make sure youth recieve a bag to put their items in. If you would like to help the office will be a collection site. If you have questions you may ask a Red Hill FFA member, Emma Heath or Erin Michels the FFA Advisors.

Workshops
What ignites your child? Here is a chance to allow them to explore and create something new each month, helping them find their spark. Eight monthly free classes will be held at the Lawrence County Public Library and led by a University of Illinois Educator starting in November. Classes will begin at 3:30 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Students 2nd grade and older are eligible. Class size is limited so sign up today!

**November 9**

Building an Electromagnet- In this activity, we will create and electromagnet that you can use to find all your lost coins.

**December 7**

Straw Marble Run- In this activity, we will have fun making straw mazes and learn how to design mazes that marbles and plastic lids can go through.

**Holiday Workshop**

Save the date for Saturday, December 17, from 10 to Noon. The Lawrence County Federation is planning a holiday make it take workshop. Check the next newsletter and our Facebook page for more information.

**Tractor Safety**

The U.S. Department of Labor identify certain agricultural tasks as particularly hazardous when performed, for hire, by youth under the age of 16. A training program was established that provided youth ages 14 and 15 to be certified to perform some of these tasks, when working for hire on a farm. The GEARING UP FOR SAFETY curriculum is designed to meet the current training requirements.
of the HOOA including minimum duration of instruction requirements for participants.

Classes will be taught by University of Illinois Extension Staff that includes 15 classroom lessons, written test, operational test and certification upon completion.

**November 12, 2022 from 8AM-5PM**

Registration is open now.

Questions? Contact Ryan Littlejohn at 618-395-2191 or rclittle@illinois.edu

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**4-H celebrates Native American Heritage Month!**

Every November we celebrate the history, heritage, traditions, and culture of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate: [https://go.illinois.edu/NativeAmericanHeritageMonth](https://go.illinois.edu/NativeAmericanHeritageMonth).

Cecelia Higdon of Winnebago County has also created a special [Northern Illinois Specialized Explore Flier](https://go.illinois.edu/NativeAmericanHeritageMonth) with even more to explore!

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**4-H Leader Training Location Wanted**
SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER

TRAINING: North-East Illinois indoor location needed! 4-H Leader Training location for teaching Archery, Air Rifle, and Coordinator desired for winter program. Facility must have climate controlled, well lit area, and approximately 2000 sq. ft. floor space at minimum. Separate areas for “classroom” instruction a plus.

Illinois 4-H has all necessary safety backstops, targets, and equipment – looking to do a program in February or March. Desired location is north of I-80 and east of I-39.

Ideas? Contact Curt Sinclair at: sinclair@illinois.edu

Green Trees 2023

Illinois 4-H has again secured funding to send 25, 4’ oak trees to be planted by 4-H members on public ground in their communities as part of the 4-H Green Communities Tree program in April, 2023. Last year, 31 counties participated and Extension Offices are now being surveyed to ask if they are interested on being chosen for involvement next spring. Preference will be given to those counties that did not receive trees in 2022.

Trees must be planted in one group, called a savanna, so an area of approximately ¾ acre must be available. Public parks, schools, conservation areas, or other community owned properties are potential locations. This is a great way for youth to learn about the benefits of trees (curriculum and activities provided
with trees) and put their “hands to larger service” for their club, community, country and world.

Ideas? Contact your county Extension office or Curt Sinclair at: sinclair@illinois.edu by Nov. 15, 2022.

**Illinois 4-H History Project**

Illinois 4-H is proud of the rich history of 4-H and our 4-H alums near and far. If you were a member of the Illinois 4-H program, you are one of 25 million Americans who share a unique bond.

Illinois 4-H launched a new initiative for an Illinois 4-H History project and is seeking to reconnect with Illinois 4-H Alumni to hear their 4-H stories and share their 4-H memories. Illinois 4-H has a strong history dating back to 1899 with the start of W.B. Otwell forming the first boy's corn club in Macoupin County, Illinois, followed by A.B. Graham, founding the first 4-H club of boys and girls with officers and projects, and record requirements in Clark County, Ohio in 1902. Illinois then established the first 4-H club, Union Pig Club, organized by C.C. Coots, in Macoupin County in 1915.

We are interested in gathering your memories, photos, or photos of memorabilia of those special moments in which 4-H impacted you. Share your 4-H story online at [https://go.illinois.edu/4-Hstory](https://go.illinois.edu/4-Hstory)

**Calling all 4-H Alumni!**
Participate in reunions to be held by the 4-H Decades. Find dates and register for the events by heading here: [https://go.illinois.edu/4hbythedecades](https://go.illinois.edu/4hbythedecades).

**Now accepting nominations for the State 4-H Food Advocate of the Month!**

Food insecurity touches every community in Illinois, and our 4-H members have been rising to the occasion to ensure that access to good food is a reality for all. Our Food Advocate of the Month recognition is the perfect opportunity to highlight a young leader in your area who is making a positive impact on food security, food access, and food justice issues where they live. Nominations can
be made at the following link:
https://go.illinois.edu/4HFoodAdvocateoftheMonth

**County, Unit, and State Events**

**November**

- November 7 @ 3:30 p.m. Place Flags at Bridgeport Cemetery
- November 8 Office Closed
- November 9 @ 3:30 p.m. Spark at the Library (Lawrence County Library)
- November 9 @ 4:30 p.m. Russell Community Club (Extension office)
- November 11 @ 10 a.m. Faithful Frends Club (Lawrenceville Central Christian Church)
- November 11 @ 10 a.m. Federation Meeting at office
- November 11 @ 6 p.m. Retiring Flags at Bridgeport First United Methodist Church
- November 14 @ 3:30 p.m. Remove Flags at Bridgeport Cemetery
- November 21 @ 6 p.m. Adventure Club (Chauncey Crossroads)
- November 24-25 Office Closed
- November 25-29 National 4-H Congress
- November 28 @ 6:30 p.m. Clever Clovers club

**December**

- December 17 @ 10 a.m. Holiday Workshop
- December 23-30 Office Closed

**January 2023**

- January 1 Deadline for re-enrollment
- January 1 Ownership Deadline for Market Beef and Market Dairy
- January 13-15 Youth Livestock Conference

**March 2023**

- March 1 Deadline for New Member Enrollment
• March 1 Deadline to Add or Drop Projects

April 2023

• April 1 State Awards Banquet
• April 15 Ownership Deadline for Heifers and Bull Calf in Beef and Dairy
• April 29 State Public Speaking Competition

May 2023

• May 1 Ownership Deadline for Market and Breeding Sheep, Goats, and Swine
• May 13 State Robotics Competition

June 2023

• June 1 Ownership Deadline for All Poultry and Rabbits