October Newsletter

New 4-H Enrollment & Registration System Coming this Fall!

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 receive a backpack! Who doesn't love a backpack?

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**Publication Orders**

This year Lawrence County 4-H will pay for 3 of your project books. If you need more than three you are welcome to purchase them from the shop 4-H website. Once you have registered we will send you a paper in the mail with a list of publications. Please select what books you need purchased and return it to the office by December 1 or March 1 for orders to be made. If you have questions please contact the office.

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**Federation News**

November Federation Meeting will take place on Friday, November 11 at 10 a.m. in the Extension office. Youth will be electing officers, finalizing the Holiday Workshop and preparing flags for retirement ceremony. If you are in 8th grade and up and like to explore your leadership skills in planning county events then federation is for you.

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**Community Service November**
**Flags on Veteran's Graves**

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 receive 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.

**Flag Retiring Ceremony**

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.

**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

Lawrence County is celebrating 100 years of 4-H and we are looking for photos, memorabilia and stories from the past 100 years. If you have any or know of anyone that does please contact the office. We will be celebrating throughout the year.

**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/4hbythededecades](https://go.illinois.edu/4hbythededecades).

**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 and State Events**

**October Club Meetings**

- October 14 @ 10 a.m. at Central Christian Church *Faithful Friends 4-H Club*
- October 17 @ 6 p.m. at Chauncey Community Building *Adventure Club*

**November**

- November 7 @ 3:30 p.m. Place Flags at Bridgeport Cemetery
- November 9 @ 3:30 p.m. Spark at the Library (Lawrence County Library)
- 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 25-29 National 4-H Congress

**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 8 State Awards Banquet
- April 15 Ownership Deadline for Heifers and Bull Calf in Beef and Dairy
• April 22 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