



4-H News



Love is in the Air

February in 4-H world is filling up fast, just like everyone else's world!

Lots of important information is included in this newsletter like workshops, scholarships, grants for clubs and 4-H'ers, and important dates to remember.

This year the Support Committee is going to try to do something a little different instead of a pork chop dinner, they will be having a half boneless pork loin sale. More information is in the newsletter! Get the word out and let's make this a successful fundraiser!

Amy McCarty

Extension Program Coordinator/4-H

Mark your calendars

February 2021

- February 4** First Cloverbud Meeting
3:15-5:00 - Extension Office
(2 sessions)
Federation - 6:00
- February 6** Cattle Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds @ 8 AM
- February 18** Cloverbuds
3:15-5:00 - Ext. Office
- February 20** Unit 24 Cupcake Decorating Workshop

PSA Dates Available For Pork Loin Fundraiser:

- 3-4:30pm on Tuesday, February 2nd
- 3-4pm on Friday, February 5th
- 3-4:30pm on Wednesday, February 10th

(15 total, 5 per day, recording and sending is an option if not comfortable in recording in person)

March 2020

Leather Workshop Series

March 2, 4, & 6 Hunter Safety Course

March 4

Cloverbuds - 3:15-5:00
(Possible Field Trip)
Federation - TBA
Expansion & Review - 6:00

March 18

Cloverbuds - 3:15-5:00 @ Ext. Office

March 20

Unit 24 Scrapbooking Workshop

Support Committee's Pork Loin Sale
Pick Up Day! 3:00-6:00

March 27

Swine Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds @ 8 AM

April 2021

April 1

Cloverbuds - 3:15 - 5:00 @ TBA
Federation - 6:00

April 15

Cloverbuds - 3:15-5:00 @ GIFT Garden

April 17

Unit 24 Fairy Garden Workshop

April 20

Support Committee - 5:00
Livestock Committee - 6:00

April 22

Public Presentations - 5:00 @
Extension Office

April 29

Cloverbuds - 3:15-5:00 @ Ext. Office

JOIN THE TEAM. CHANGE THE WORLD.



February 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | <i>1</i> <i>If you need a publication let me know TODAY! Will order once a month!</i> | <i>2</i> <i>Groundhog Day</i> <i>Alivia Lee</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i> <i>Cloverbuds</i> <i>3:15-4:00 & 4:15-5:00</i> <i>Federation</i> <i>6:00</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> <i>Cattle Weigh-in</i> <i>8AM</i> |
| <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>9</i> <i>Phil Healy</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>11</i> | <i>12</i> <i>Amy Buchanan</i> | <i>13</i> |
| <i>14</i> <i>Valentine's Day</i> | <i>15</i> <i>Lincoln Draper</i> | <i>16</i> <i>Jennifer Carter-James</i> <i>Mason Ray</i> | <i>17</i> | <i>18</i> <i>Cloverbuds</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>20</i> <i>Unit 24 Cupcake Decorating Workshop</i> <i>10:30</i> |
| <i>21</i> | <i>22</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>24</i> | <i>25</i> <i>Quinn Forston</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>27</i> |
| <i>28</i> | <p><i>Congratulations to Annsley Healy for her winning guidebook cover! Guidebooks will be coming out the first part of March!</i></p> <p><i>Tentative 2021 White County 4-H Fair Dates will be July 9-16!</i></p> | | | | | |

2021 Livestock Ownership Deadlines

Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show and White County.

If you are interested in State Fair, please ask for more specific guidelines.

STEERS & MARKET HEIFERS:

- Calved on or after January 1, 2020
 - Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2021
 - Tattooed & Tagged –
 - o **On or between the last Saturday in January (January 30, 2021) and February 28, 2021.**
- Beef weigh-in is February 6. (All Male & Females will be weighed and/or tagged)**
- o In addition to tattooing, steers that will be going to state fair are to be tagged with the electronic ID tags.

BARROWS:

- **Regular Barrows**
 - o **Farrowed on or after January 1, 2021** and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2021.
- Swine weigh-in is March 27 @ 9am @ the Fairgrounds**
(All Male & Females will be weighed and/or tagged)
- **Premiere Barrows**
 - o **Farrowed on or after February 10, 2021** and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2021
 - o Weighed and Tattooed February 10 to April 15, 2021
 - o Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0lbs/day of age
 - o Junior exhibitors can purchase nominated barrows

SHEEP WETHERS:

- **Both Premiere & Live Show Wethers**
 - o Lambled on or after January 1, 2021
 - o Ownership Date – May 15, 2021
 - o Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged – between March 15 and May 16, 2021.

Sheep & Goat weigh-in is May 1 @ 8:00am @ Fairgrounds.

(All Male & Females will be weighed and/or tagged)

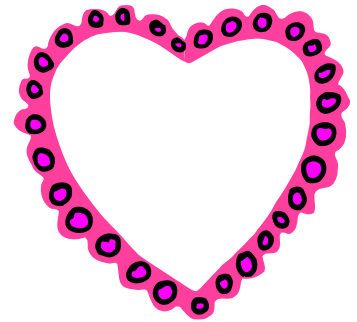
- Weigh/Tattoo procedures for Open & Jr. Premiere & Live Show Wethers:

All lambs and meat goats to be exhibited at the State Fair MUST be taken to one of the statewide locations for weighing and tattooing. Each lamb will be tagged with an electronic ID tag, tattooed, weighed, and recorded on Lamb Nomination Forms from Dan Jennings.

Specific information regarding each of the weigh-in locations & procedures will be forthcoming.

MEAT GOATS

- Wethers – **Born on or after October 1, 2020**
- Tattooed in name of exhibitor only by May 15, 2021
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2021



Re-certification required for youth exhibiting livestock

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system will be required to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animal** certification (YQCA). This program is the industry-standard certification. Check with local offices about completing the training.

The training must be completed each year. <http://yqca.org>

Horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats will still be required to take the **Quality Assurance and Ethics** (QAEC) training. This training is only required once in the member's career.

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

A face to face training is still hopefully an option in the Spring, but if you choose to take and complete before March 1 the Support Committee will pay 50% of the 12.00 fee after completion!

Youth 5 - 7 years of age **can join 4-H** as a 4-H Cloverbud!

\$10 covers ALL your costs for 8 meetings.

The meetings will be 3:15-4:00 & 4:15-5:00 PM on Thursdays ...

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|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Feb. 4 | Feb. 18 | Mar. 4 | Mar. 18 | Apr. 1 |
| | Apr. 15 | Apr. 29 | May 13 | |

All meetings will be held at the U of I Extension Building in Carmi, unless stated otherwise.



The next regular Federation business meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office, with a zoom option available.



<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/84844163374?pwd=N3pqR1FaNTJ5M1RuckRJSXNiRkFSQT09>

Bring canned goods and or non-perishable items for the COVID Care A Lots

(organized by Katelyn Allen)



Leather Craft Workshop Series



Charlie Nolan is going to provide a leather workshop/SPIN club once again starting in March if there will be enough interest!

Please let Charlie or Amy know if you would be interested in participating!



Beginners will make three bookmarks - \$6.00 for all 3 bookmarks.

Non-beginners will have the chance to make a belt, billfold, checkbook cover, etc. - \$10.00 to \$15.00 for these items.

We will have to let Charlie know ASAP so he can get them ordered.

Call 382-2662 to sign up.



URBANA, Ill. – Families across Illinois have more food on their table, and youth are leading the way. 4-H is investing in the next generation of food access leaders with a first round of Food Advocacy Grants aimed at helping youth become food advocates right in their own communities.

The grants provide financial support to youth-led projects aimed at increasing food security throughout Illinois. “We are giving particular attention to funding projects that are addressing food security in areas where food access is of greatest concern, particularly rural areas,” says Mark Becker, Illinois 4-H food systems specialist. “The goal of the grant is to create a network of youth leaders around the state who have real world experience conducting impactful service projects that shift the conversation around food insecurity in Illinois.”

The grant initiative creates a network of youth leaders around Illinois who are personally invested in creating food security in their community. “These grants are designed to help young people take action on issues that really matter to them,” Becker says. “Youth aren’t often given the opportunity to experience grant work, and this was so exciting to see them stepping up and participating.”

Another round of grants is slated for late spring and Becker hopes to reach a more geographically diverse applicant pool in areas heavily impacted by food insecurity. Educators interested should contact Becker at mbbecker@illinois.edu.

In this first round, 11 winners from nine counties were chosen.

Winners include: Community Garden, DeKalb County; Fun With Food, Williamson County; **COVID Care A Lots, White County**; Suppers for Security, Cook County; Micro Food Pantry, Williamson County; Micro Pantry, Will County; Freezing Out Hunger, Macoupin County; Hands to Larger Service, Shelby County; Weekend Backpack Food Program, Montgomery County; Nosh Packs Nutrition Bags for Kids, Adams County; Bags of Hope, Will County.

We would like to congratulate Katelyn Allen for being one of the eleven winners chosen during this first round.

Katelyn’s project is titled Covid - Care A Lots. Her main goal is to deliver food baskets to the people in her community. She would do so by putting nutritious food in these baskets to help them continue to get the nutrition the families need. Her goal in this project is to distribute 25-30 baskets to families in the community.

During the month of February let’s help Katelyn by donating non-perishable/canned goods to add to her goal! These items can be placed in the container under the bench located outside of the Extension Office in Carmi.





Cupcake Decorating Workshop

February 20, 2021 10:30 AM via Zoom

Register at:

go.illinois.edu/cupcakedecorating

For more information contact Kendra at klvaughn@illinois.edu



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Cupcake Decorating Workshop

Learn the basics of cupcake
decorating

Items you will need:

Cupcakes - baked and cooled
prior to workshop

Ingredients for icing - recipe will be
sent upon registration

Icing bag

Icing tip - medium star

Detailed instructions will
be emailed after registration.

Farm Credit Illinois Community Improvement Grants



Farm Credit Services Illinois Community Improvement Grant 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 which includes 14 Extension Units in southern & central Illinois. Applications are due March 1, 2021. Use the following URL for more information and to connect to the online application: <http://www.farmcreditil.com/resources/community/grants/Pages/default.aspx>



4-H Project Grants Available



The White County Farm Bureau is pleased to sponsor the 2021 4-H Project Grant Program for White County 4-Hers.

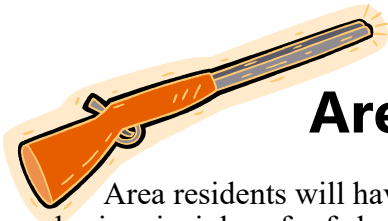
The program is designed to encourage young 4-Hers to begin new projects by eliminating potential cost burdens they may have; as well as encourage new individuals to become active in the White County 4-H program.

4-Hers ages 8-14 are eligible to apply. Applications must be completed by the 4-Her and signed off by a parent/guardian and the 4-H Club Leader. Applications are due March 1, 2021.

Applications are available from 4-H club leaders, the White County Extension office, and the White County Farm Bureau.

Applications can also be downloaded at www.whitecfb.com.

If you have questions regarding requirements of the 4-H Project Grant Program, please call the Farm Bureau office (618) 382-8512.



Area Hunters Can Earn Certification

Area residents will have an opportunity to learn basic principles of safe hunting at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources hunter safety certification course. Participants must attend **all 10 hours** of instruction and pass the test to receive their certification.

The workshop times are Tuesday, March 2 & Thursday, March 4 from 6-8pm and Saturday, March 6, 9am-3pm at the First Baptist Church in Carmi.

The course is geared toward youth, but older hunters are also encouraged to attend the classes since many states now require out-of-state hunters to show proof of certification. A 1996 Illinois law requires that all hunters born after Jan. 1, 1980 must successfully complete the hunter education course

before they can receive their first hunting license. Participants completing the course receive a hunter education certification card which verifies they have passed the course.

The ten-hour course includes instruction in wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques and regulations. The lead instructor will be Bobby Lamp.

Pre-registration is not required, but would be helpful. To register, one may call the Extension office at 382-2662 by March 1. **Space is limited to 25 participants.**



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.**

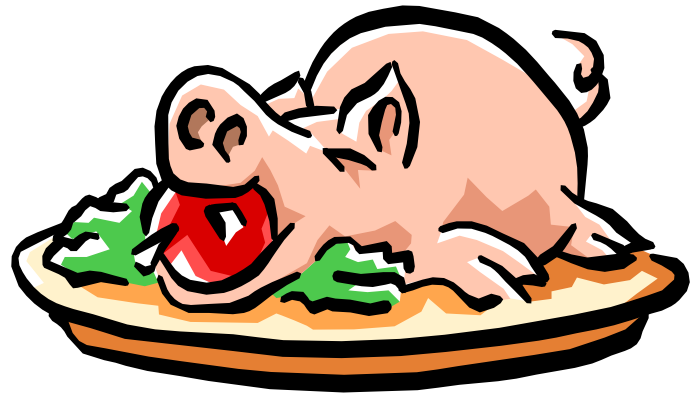
This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 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.**

White Co. 4-H Support Committee Pork Loin Sale

Saturday, March 20, 2021
Pick Up from 3-6 PM
White County Fairgrounds



INSTEAD OF A TRADITIONAL PORK CHOP DINNER THIS YEAR, WE'RE SELLING DELICIOUS BONELESS PORK LOINS...

A HALF BONELESS PORK LOIN FOR \$25!
PRE - ORDERS ARE DUE BY MARCH 5TH
MONEY IS DUE AT TIME OF PICK UP

3 Easy Ways to Pre-Order:

Google Docs: <https://forms.gle/oanv2ND34fzRz2wQ9>

Call: 382-2662

Email: amccarty@illinois.edu

(Name, telephone number, and amount required on all orders)

(Scan here to order)



Each year the Support Committee gives money from the Pork Chop Dinner to Extension. That's the money we use to buy awards, fund trips, workshops, pay part of 4-H enrollment, and provide a discount to members on project manuals.

THIS IS THE MAIN FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR. PLEASE PLAN ON ORDERING!!!

| DIMENSION | COLUMN A <i># of club / individual experiences</i> | COLUMN B <i># of county experiences</i> | COLUMN C <i># of multi-county/ regional experiences</i> | COLUMN D <i># of state/ national experiences</i> |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| PARTICIPATION | Norris City Mayor Signing Grayville Mayor Signing Enfield Mayor Signing | Sept 3 - Federation Oct 1 - Carmi Mayor Signing Oct 1 - Federation October - Pumpkin Decorating Contest (or project learning) December - Christmas Tree Decorating Contest (or project learning) January - Guidebook Cover Contest | | |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE | St. Jude Auction Basket | Spotlight White County 4-H - Little Giant Grocery Store Centerville Ripsnorters Homemade Christmas Decorations Covid Care A Lots March - Support Committee Fundraiser | October Food Challenge Grayville Go-Getters Purse Drive | |
| LEADERSHIP | | PSA's Leadership Role at a Federation Meeting Cloverbud Meetings GIFT Garden Classes Expansion & Review Comm. | | Illinois 4-H State Award Training Webinar - Sept. 2 Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference - Nov. 7 |
| PROJECT LEARNING | GIFT Garden Classes Shooting Sports Shoots Livestock Weigh-ins | October - Pumpkin Decorating Contest December - Christmas Tree Decorating Contest March - Hunter Safety March - Leather Workshops April 22 - Public Speaking | December - Christmas Ornament Workshop January - 3D Printing Workshop February - Cupcake Decorating Workshop | Gingerbread Baking Class - December 4 |

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:

It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot?

Let's Play!

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

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



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