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4-H Newsletter

December 2021 & January 2022

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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

December

- ➔ 4 Mt. Carmel Christmas Parade @ 5pm
- ➔ 11 Town & Country's 4-H meeting @ 10 AM
- ➔ 14 4-H Night at the Allendale Junior High Boys Basketball game
- ➔ 15 4-H Night at the Mt. Carmel Junior High Boys Basketball Game
- ➔ 18 Hi-Flyers 4-H Meeting 9 AM @ Farm Bureau Office
- ➔ 20-31 Registration for January 4-H in a bag activity is open.
- ➔ 24-Jan 4 Extension office will be closed for Christmas Break

January

- ➔ 1 Last day to re-enroll in 4-H for the 2021-2022 year
- ➔ 1 Deadline to order project manuals if you want 4-H to pay for them.
- ➔ 1 Last day to submit your 50th Anniversary fair shirt drawing.
- ➔ 1 Ownership deadline for Steers
- ➔ 11 Pick up day for January 4-H in a bag
- ➔ 15 Hi-Flyers Club Meeting @ 9am at the Farm Bureau Office
- ➔ 17 Extension office will be closed in observation of Martin Luther King Day
- ➔ 17 Facebook live for January 4-H in a bag @ 5pm
- ➔ 19 Allendale Twisters & Sprouts Club Meeting
- ➔ 24 Town & Country 4-H Meeting

DON'T FORGET TO RE-ENROLL!!

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2021-2022 Wabash County Fair Dates: July 16-22

Important Reminders:

- ➔ Every 4-H'er will be required to attend **FOUR** 4-H meetings this year in order to show at the fair. This can be club meetings or workshops that the extension office hosts.
- ➔ Don't forget to RE-ENROLL! You must be re-enrolled in 4-H by **January 1, 2022**. New members have till **March 1, 2022** to enroll.
- ➔ You will have till March 1st to change your projects if you choose to add or delete a 4-H project. You can do this by going into your 4-H online account or contacting our office.
- ➔ Livestock Ownership deadlines will be released soon from the state. The first one will be steers. If you are planning to show a steer at the fair you must have ownership of those by January 1, 2022.

Need publications for your projects this year?

What are publications?

Publications are guide books that allow you to gain skills on your projects. Some projects require the publication in order to complete your project for fair and for some projects are as the publications aren't really needed. If you need help making this decision please reach out to Megan.

Remember to only order the books you **NEED**!

If you have books from the past couple of years that you would like to donate back to the extension office so we can re-use them please drop them by!

This year we will be using an online form to order your publications. Everyone needs to have their publication orders in **January 1st, 2022**. Once the publications arrive at our office we will contact you or deliver them to your club meetings.

Use this link https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bKHndI7TOo9tS1T to order yours today!

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Mt. Carmel Christmas Parade

The Mt. Carmel Christmas Parade will be Saturday December 4th with line up starting at 3pm and parade starts at 5pm. We need all hands on deck! Our federation and junior federation team has put together a float design but we need **YOU** to walk with us as we promote Wabash County 4-H. We have candy and materials that need passed out!

Please let Megan know if you would be available to walk with us!

INTERESTED IN DESIGNING THE WABASH COUNTY FAIRS 50TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT?!



The junior fair board needs your help! As they plan out the 50th anniversary of the Wabash County Fair they wanted to start by making some t-shirt to celebrate!

They have asked that Wabash County 4-H'er submit designs to the extension office and the fair board will choose a winner!

The winner will of the T-shirt design will be awarded \$50 merchants dollars and your name will be featured on the T-shirt!

Rules:

- You must design a shirt that showcases the 50th anniversary of the fair.
- You must be an enrolled 4-H member
- Designs are due to Megan at the extension office by January 1, 2022

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Farm Credit Scholarships:

- ➔ **2022 Agriculture Scholarship:** Thirty \$2,000 scholarships are available to high school seniors with agricultural career aspirations planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall. Two student applicants of color will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars. Use this link to apply <https://form.jotform.com/212994584005965>
- ➔ **Community Improvement Grant Program:** Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live. Use this link <https://form.jotform.com/212994192912967> to apply.

Federation & Junior Federation

Couldn't make it to our last Federation & Junior Federation meeting?! No worries! Please reach out to Megan if you would like to be a part of our team. Each 4-H Club should have at least **ONE** member from their club on our federation team.

4-H Handbook Changes Coming.....

As we are gearing up for the 2022 Wabash County Fair I am working on making some changes to the fairbook. The one big change that I will be making this year is that you will be allowed to show up to 2 animals per class. However on the market animals you will only be allowed 2 per specie, NOT 2 per weight breakdown.

If you choose to have 2 per class you will be responsible for finding another Wabash County 4-H'er to show that animal for you.

As soon as I have the handbook and fair schedule finalized and approved by the state I will release that to you all. But as many are getting their fair animals ready I wanted to let you know of this change.

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I January 4-H in a Bag



MYSTERY MESSAGE



Have you ever wanted to write a secret message to a friend without your siblings knowing what it said? Then join us and learn how you can write and see invisible messages!

Register Today using this link:
go.illinois.edu/MysteryMessage

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We will be going live on our unit Facebook page (Illinois Extension-Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash & Wayne Counties)

Monday, January 17, 2022, at 5 p.m.

December 20- 31 <https://go.illinois.edu/MysteryMessage> link is open for registration.

January 11 pick up day at our office

January 17 at 5 p.m. Facebook live.

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NEW MEMBER WORKSHOP



Are you a new 4-H member in Wabash County or interested in getting your child(ren) enrolled in 4-H and want to learn more about what we have to offer?!

Join us for a parent informational meeting and a 4-H hands-on activity for the kids as they explore what projects 4-H has to offer. We will also be going over things like project manuals and record books so you are prepared to excel in the 2022 4-H year!

When: January 20, 2022

Where: Annex Building at the Fairgrounds

Time: 6pm



If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact our office.

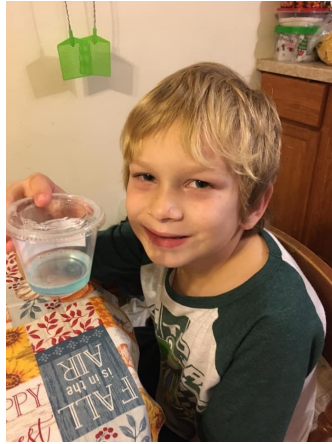
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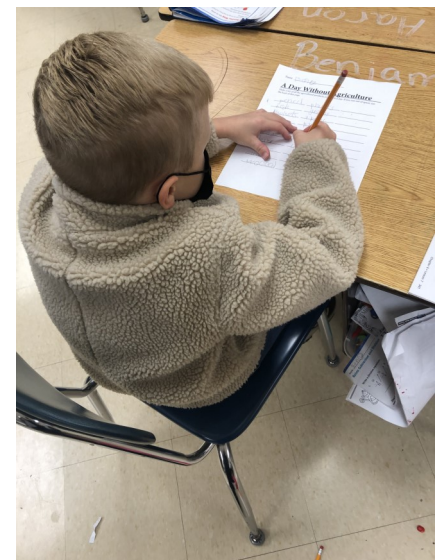
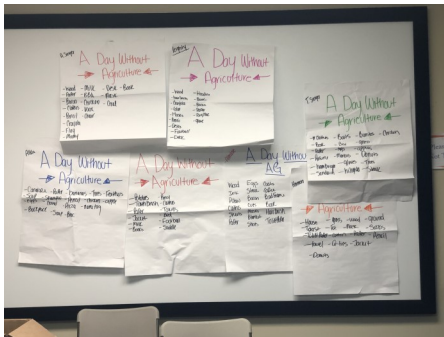
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November Recap:



November 4-H in a bag-DNA



What is Agriculture-3rd grade school programming in Wabash County

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Save the date! The State Public Speaking Contest will be held on April 30, 2022 with registrations due by April 8, 2022.

 4-H celebrates



Every November we celebrate the history, heritage, traditions, and culture of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Stay tuned for ideas on how you and your club can help celebrate this month!

Lawrence County Invites You...

We will be hosting some Winter Fun activities for Cloverbuds in porch pickups . Every Wednesday in February at 5 p.m. we will have a fun winter activity to do together via Facebook Live. Please register your child for the Cloverbud Winter Fun at Supplies for these activities will be ready for pickup the Friday the week before the live event.

Each Facebook live will be on the 4-H Lawrence County Illinois at 5 p.m. each Wednesday in February.

Sneak peek at what you will be doing:

February 2—Snowstorm

go.illinois.edu/LCSnowStorm

February 9– Let's Make Snow

go.illinois.edu/LCSnow

February 16– Exploding Snowman

go.illinois.edu/LCSnowman

February 23– Melting Snowman

go.illinois.edu/LCMeltingSnowman