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**Calendar of events**
(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

**November**
- 2 Painting Workshop 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
- 8 Office will be closed for observation of election day
- 17 Last Day to register for Ornament Workshop
- 24-25 Office will be closed for Thanksgiving

**December**
- 1 Christmas ornament workshop 5:30 pm– 7:00 pm
- 23–Jan 2 Office will be closed for the holiday

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WABASH COUNTY FAIR
JULY 15–22

2023 fair dates have been set! Be sure to mark your calendars.
We would love to have you as a part of our county 4-H Federation!

The federation team is a group that works alongside extension staff helping make an impact on the Wabash County 4-H program. Being a part of this group will allow you to plan events, bring fresh ideas to the 4-H program, work on building your leadership skills, and you will have a ton of fun!

For the time being, federation meetings are on hold. As soon as a new EPC is hired they will kick off the meetings again.

As you are enrolling in zsuites you will be selecting what projects you are interested in doing at the fair. There are so many different projects you can choose from! Use this link https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/projects to view what projects we have to offer!

Some of these projects require project manuals. These are books that tell you more about the project and have activities you can do inside them. Our office will be doing a mass order in January. If you would like to order a book for your project or know if you need one to complete your project, please contact Dana at the office to submit that order with her.

Past 4-H members, if you have books you are no longer using we would love to recycle them and allow others to in the county to use them. You can drop off any old books at our office please!
Join us for an evening of creating Christmas decorations that will then be donated to the Oakview Nursing home. Once the kids have created their decorations at our workshop, they will leave them with us and our extension staff will drop them by the nursing home.

**When:** Thursday, December 1, 2022

**Where:** Anderson Building (15039 4h Center Ln, Mt.Carmel, IL)

**Time:** 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

**Who can attend:** Any youth ages 5-18 as of September 1, 2022

**How to register:** Go to https://go.illinois.edu/wabashchristmasworkshop or call our office at 618-262-5725

**Last day to register:** November 17, 2022

All youth are welcome. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact our office.
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WABASH COUNTY CLUB MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

HI-FLYERS
WHERE: WABASH CO FARM BUREAU OFFICE
WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
TIME: 9:00 AM

ALLENALE TWISTERS & SPROUTS
WHERE: ALLENALE RURITAN BUILDING
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
TIME: 6:00 PM

TOWN & COUNTRY
WHERE: WABASH CO QUAIL CLUB
WHEN: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
TIME: 6:00 PM

BARN BUSTERS
TBD

Illinois Extension
We are excited to kick-off the new 4-H year. Our new enrollment system is now open! Every past 4-H member should have received re-enrollment instruction at this point. If you are reading this newsletter but did not receive the instruction on how to enroll in Wabash County 4-H by using zsuites please reach out to our office. We would be happy to get those instructions to you as well!

**Few important dates to remember:**

- You must re-enroll by January 1, 2023
- You can change your projects on your zsuites account till March 1, 2023
- NEW members have till March 1, 2023 to enroll in 4-H for the year.
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October Recap:
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

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.