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## Happening Now

### November

10 Yankee Fundraiser 4:30-7:30 W.S. Moravian Church  
12 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg.  
14 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. at Christian Church 6:30 p.m.  
14 Blue Ribbon Mtg. COUNTRY Financial Hall 6:30 p.m.  
15 Yankees Mtg. at 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church  
15 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Farm Bureau Office  
17 Tag-A-Long Workshop at Farm Bureau 1:30- 3:00  
23-24 Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving

**Reminder: Please get enrollments completed! Project books can be ordered once everyone in your club enrolls.**



**I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING**



SHAVING CREAM  
*Marbled Paper Pumpkins*

**Tag-A-Long Workshop**  
November 17, 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
Edwards County Farm Bureau  
All youth 5-7 welcome

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**Tag-A-Longs time for the first workshop of the year! Register at <https://go.illinois.edu/edwardsmarbledpumpkins>**



**4-H  
COOKING  
101**

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Dec. 8, Jan. 12,  
Feb. 16, March 15, April 19  
Edwards County Farm Bureau Basement

Youth 3rd - 5th  
Grade Welcome



**These are on early dismissal days. Register at <https://go.illinois.edu/Edwardscooking101>**

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**I PLEDGE ... MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY**

## Virtual Taste of Language



Want to learn a language but don't have time? Taste of Language gives you the chance to sample 8 different languages in under an hour! The event will take place on November 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM Central Time via Zoom. Taste of Language is part of International Education Week at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

The Zoom meeting access link and password will be sent a week in advance of the event date with a reminder sent the day of the event. Great opportunity for Intercultural Project members!

Register at: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1225573669>

What's more fun than creating holiday crafts and treats? Creating them with friends! Come join us on Saturday, December 2, starting at 9:30 am for a Holiday Workshop. This is a hands on experience for youth to create various holiday crafts and treats. There will be several stations that youth will rotate through throughout the morning. Please have youth wear clothing that is acceptable to getting dirty from crafts/food.

To register for this holiday workshop, go to <https://go.illinois.edu/U25HolidayWorkshop>.



It will be held at the Farm Bureau Office. Open to youth 8-18.



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**I PLEDGE ... MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE**

## Shooting Sports

We are looking for a volunteer(s) for the Shooting Sports club. If you know of someone that is interested, please contact the Extension office. Unfortunately, there will be no meetings, at this time.

## Invites

Have you invited a friend to join you at a club meeting this new 4-H year? Did they attend? If so, please call the office and get your name in the hat for a chance to win a prize! Winners will be announced in January!!

## New Members

We are happy to see many new members enrolling in 4-H this year! If families have any questions don't hesitate to call the office with your questions @ 618-445-2934.

## Project/Activity Handbook Cover Contest

Let's have another contest for the Project and Activity Handbook! You can be as creative as you want to or you can send one of your favorite pictures. Deadline to enter is January 5th, by 4:30 p.m.

## Enrollments

If you haven't enrolled for the current 4-H year, it is time to be thinking of doing it.

<https://go.illinois.edu/4HReEnroll>

## Hippology Horse Bowl

If anyone has interest in being apart of the Hippology Horse Bowl team. Participants will be able to demonstrate their experience and knowledge gained in horse judging, quiz bowl, speeches, and practical horse management. Call the Extension Office if you are interested.

## Project Guide Books

If you are needing a project guide book for any of your projects, let your leaders know. They will have a sheet to sign up on to let the office know, what is needed.

## Achievement Night Winners

If you were a winner of a trophy or award at Achievement Night, be sure to send them a thank you note! These awards would not be possible without the generosity of each of them. Congratulations to all of our winners!

## Yankee's 4-H Spaghetti Supper

Please, come support the Yankee's, they are having a Spaghetti Supper to raise funds for the Jan Schuh Memorial Scholarship. The meal will include, salad, spaghetti, breadsticks, and dessert. Free will donation. Dine in or carry out 4:30 -7:30, on November 10th, at the Moravian Church in West Salem.

## New Member Workshop

Families we will be having a workshop in January for members and families that have questions about 4-H. More information will be sent out and put on the Edwards Co. 4-H Facebook page.

## Outstanding Edwards County 4-H members recognized during Achievement Night on October 16, 2023

A nice crowd attended the Edwards County 4-H Achievement Night held Monday at COUNTRY Financial Hall in Albion. Area youth, leaders, and clubs were honored for their accomplishments over the 2022-2023 4-H year.

The "Club of the Year" Award went to the Ellery Panthers 4-H Club the donor for the award was Wayne-White Electric Cooperative.

Aly Williams was recognized as the 4-H'er of the year, Farm Credit Illinois donated the award.

Lucas Troyer was awarded the Novice Member of the Year and Hayley Perry received the Jr. Member of the Year. Both trophies were donated by Edwards County Farm Bureau.

Three members were recognized for being, "Cream of the Crop". The award is focused on attitude and willingness to help others. The members had to be noticed, helping out, on their own and was not based on 4-H records. The ones who received the award were: Chloe Iles, Alyssa Smith and Davina Witte. They received a 4-H hoodie sweatshirt. Edwards County Soil and Water District sponsored these awards.

The Best Club Secretary Award trophy went to Ellery Panthers - Addison Anderson.

The "I Dare You Award" was presented to Addison Anderson, with the University of Illinois Extension donating the award. The award is presented to members who "achieve their highest potential and live lives of leadership and service."

Two members received an Alumni Pin: Tori Thompson and Davina Witte.

Trophy winners included: Claire Doelling, Best Constructed Garment for Clothing, Lillian Bare for Fashion Review. Alyssa Smith 4-H Speech Contest, Formal Speech, 8-13 Years Old. Emersyn McVaigh 4-H Speech Contest, Illustrated Speech, 8-13 Years Old.

All trophies were donated by Edwards County Extension.

Among other awards presented were: Clean Sheep Pen Award, Davina Witte, donor George Fewkes. Clean Beef Stall Award, Cheyenne and Josie Duncan; Clean Swine Pen Award, Zoie Ankenbrand, and Clean Goat Pen Award, Emersyn McVaigh, donor Farm Credit Illinois. Conservation Award, Hannah Perry, donor Edwards County Soil and Water. Electricity Award, Kylar VanMatre, Leadership Awards, Chloe Iles and Skylar Greathouse, and Community Service Awards, Aleya Bare, Brayden Childers and Kylar VanMatre.

Norma Hamilton leader of the Bone Gap Cardinals 4-H Club was presented a pin and certificate for her 15 years as a leader. Lise Summerfield, John Summerfield and Allen Shilling was recognized for 10 years of co-leading the Shooting Sports Club and Drake and Haley Kelsey for 1 year of co-leading the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club.

Davina Witte received the Jan Schuh Scholarship.

Experience awards was presented to 36 members. To receive this award each participant must submit an application to be eligible and mark the experiences that they have achieved for the year. There are 4 dimensions of experience: Participation, Community Service, Leadership and Project Learning.

Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you to all the parents, leaders and donors of awards to make this evening special for our youth.







## **The Youth Leadership Team is looking for New Members!**

The State Youth Leadership Team plans and implements the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists (behind the scenes and in front of the audience) for many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Alumni Board, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee. Members of this team serve as ambassadors of the Illinois 4-H program, giving back to the program while further enhancing their leadership skills. You must be age 16 to 19 to apply to serve a two year term. The deadline to apply is December 31. Learn more about YLT and apply here [go.illinois.edu/YLTApply](http://go.illinois.edu/YLTApply)

## **Celebrate Native American Heritage Month**



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 and we're excited to offer resources to help you celebrate!

Club activity flier activities count as individual or club experiences on the Experience Award Application. Completion of a 30 Days Challenge sheet counts as a state experience for Experience Award applications (must fill out the JotForm referenced on the sheet). Call the Extension office for activity fliers!

## **State Events**

### **November 2023**

- November 4-5: Junior Leadership Conference, Decatur
- November 4: Livestock Skillathon, Urbana
- November 24-28: National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA

### **December 2023**

- December 9: Ignite by 4-H Application Deadline
- December 2023: Passport to the World Workshop

### **January 2024**

- January 22: 4-H Camp Registration opens for 4-H club members

### **February 2024**

- February 19: Speaking For Illinois 4-H Training
- February 24: Shooting Sports Leader Training, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles
- February 2024 (date TBD): State Horse Judging Contest, Galva
- February-March 2024 (dates TBD): Regional Horse Bowl/Hippology Contests, various locations

### **March 2024**

- March 9: College Road Trip, Champaign
- March 13-17: Ignite By 4-H Conference, Washington, DC
- March 2024: Legislative Connection, Springfield

### **April 2024**

- April 6: State 4-H Awards Celebration, Champaign
- April 13-14 (tentative): State Horse Bowl, Hippology and Horse Speaking Contests, Champaign
- April 27: National 4-H Day of Service
- April 27: State Public Speaking Contest (note: you must qualify at your local contest to participate)
- April 2024: Legislative Connection, Springfield



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**Edwards County 4-H**

## May 2024

- May 4 (tentative): State Robotics Competition
- May 11: Shooting Sports Leader Training, 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello

## June 2024

- June 23-27: Illini Summer Academies, Champaign-Urbana

## July 2024

- July 2024: True Leaders in Equity, Bethesda, MD
- July 2024: Digital Agriculture Training Course

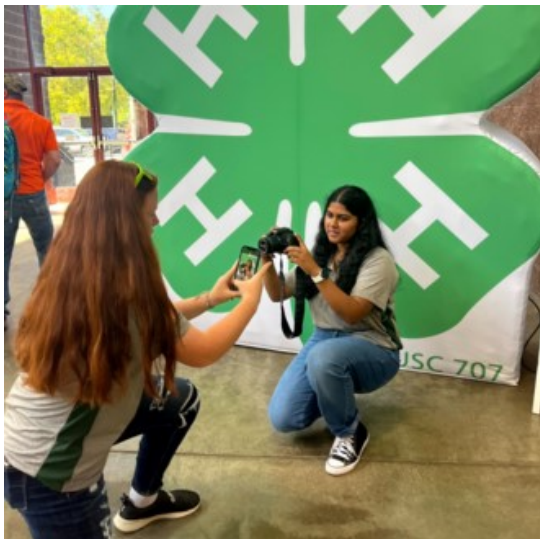
## August 2024

- August 2024: State Fair, Springfield

## Fall 2024

- Fall 2024: Plant Science Summit, Champaign

## Spotlight on Youth Leadership: Influencers at Work



Did you know Illinois 4-H has an Influencers leadership team?

On this team, members get hands-on social media management training and experience. They also manage brand partnerships and assignments from National 4-H! This team is open to youth 14-19 and applications will open in May 2024 ~ watch for Influencer-created content on our pages now and we hope to see you apply in the spring!

