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# 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
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## FEBRUARY 2024


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## Public Speaking Contest



**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

7:00 PM

Wayne County Extension Office

For more information  
618-842-3702

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**Did you know over 75% of adults have a fear of public speaking to some degree? But not 4-H members! We want to challenge you to learn, explore, and grow in your public speaking this year! Make plans to give a demonstration, practice your exhibit skills, and work toward qualifying for the State Public Speaking Contest this year. This is your time to develop skills you'll use for a lifetime!**

Members who enroll in the Public Speaking project are encouraged to participate! Not enrolled in this project? You have until March 1 to sign up!

To register call the office at (618) 842-3702. Questions? Contact Ryan at [rlittle@illinois.edu](mailto:rlittle@illinois.edu) or call the office.

Categories you can compete in:

Formal speech – shares the presenter's own unique view and is intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth may deliver a speech on any topic they wish.

Illustrated Speech – may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two-dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation.

Illustrated speeches may be:

- How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.
- Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.
- Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

Original works – must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry/Spoken Word
- Broadcast Media Program
- Theatrical
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Oral Interpretation – presentations must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Theatrical Interpretation
- Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure, such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms



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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.  
If you need reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact your local office.  
Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

# February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 6:30 PM Country Kids 4- H Club Meeting (YQCA)	7	8	9	10
11	12 6-7 PM Livestock Judging Practice	13	14 6:30 PM Wayne City 4-H Club Meeting (YQCA)  6:30 PM Enterprisers 4-H Club Meeting	15	16	17 7:00 PM 4-H Country Club Meeting
18 2-4 PM Shooting Sports Club Meeting	19 Sewing Workshop 8- 4:30  7 PM Leaders Meeting	20	21 6 PM Federation Meeting	22	23	24 Beef Weigh in 8-9  Candle making workshop 10-11
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# CLOTHING 1-SEWING WORKSHOP MARBLE MAZE



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Are you interested in learning the basics of Sewing? Or maybe you want to have a fun fidget toy! Anyone ages 8-18 are invited to join in making a Marble Maze. This workshop will provide a chance for members to make their Clothing 1 4-H project.

This workshop has 4 time slots to be held on Monday, February 19, 2024. They are 8-9:30, 10-11:30, 1-2:30 & 3-4:30. We ask that if you are signing up multiple members please do a registration for each member.

We have a few more spots, so make sure you sign up before it is too late!

The cost of the workshop is \$15 for materials and supplies. Please pay before February 14, 2024.

Register here: [go.illinois.edu/waynesewing](https://go.illinois.edu/waynesewing)

Welcome to the fascinating world of candle making! Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, candle making is a creative and rewarding craft that allows you to express your artistic side. In this workshop, we'll guide you through the basics of candle making, from choosing the right materials to creating beautiful and unique candles.

Join us as we make another 4-H project that can be taken to the fair! The Candle Making workshop will take place Saturday, February 24 from 10-11 AM. This workshop is open to anyone ages 8-18.

Registration is limited so sign up today!  
<https://go.illinois.edu/waynecandlemaking>



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## CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP



Saturday, February 24, 2024  
Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Anyone ages 8-18





# YOU'RE INVITED TO THE WAYNE COUNTY NEW MEMBER WORKSHOP SERIES

WHEN: MARCH 16TH  
WHERE: WAYNE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
TIME: 1-3 PM  
RSVP BY MARCH 8TH BY CALLING THE EXTENSION  
OFFICE



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The Wayne County New Member Workshop is back for you and your new member to attend!

During your time with us, you will learn all about the 4-H program, learn about project records, books, and awards, plus parents will get answers to any of their questions!

First or Second year members and one parent should plan to attend.

Call the office to RSVP today! 618-842-3702. Please RSVP by March 8th.

## March 1

Last day to add projects on Zsuite (Cannot add or make changes on March 2)

Last day to order project manuals. If we do not have your order, you will be responsible to order your own publications at [shop4-h.org](http://shop4-h.org)

The QR code will take you the publication request page.





## Beef Weigh-in

When: Saturday, February 24th

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

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Beef Weigh In is Saturday February 24th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Please let us know your Weigh-In Information by Wednesday February 21, 2024. If your 4-H member is signed up in Beef and is only showing Bucket Calf please also let us know.

The following information on Ownership Dates, Weigh-In and Rate of Gain.

Ownership Dates: Market Steers and Heifers: Calved on or after January 1, 2023. Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since February 1, 2024

### Weigh-In Procedures

Market animals (beef, goat, sheep and swine) must be tagged and/or weighed by Extension staff or their designee on the date designated for the specie you are showing. All weigh-ins will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds dates will be sent out 1 month in advance. Enter the fairgrounds from the south gate (Main Street) and exit using the north gate (Mt. Vernon Road). If you are not showing a market animal, please notify the extension office prior to the weigh-in so they know your attendance is not required. Notification to the office is required with the number of animals you are weighing or if you are not coming prior to the weigh-in date.

### Rate Of Gain Contests

Any 4-H member with a market animal project may enter this class. The Rate of Gain contest is a voluntary class; however, if you choose to compete in the Rate of Gain contest the following requirements must be followed.

Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter the following in the Rate of Gain contest:

Steer or Market Heifer - may weigh up to 4 animals.

All market animals must be weighed, and weight recorded, by Extension Staff on set dates. the final weigh in will be made on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at the fairgrounds. All market animals in the Rate of Gain contest will be ear tagged or tattooed at the initial weigh in. Weights of the animal will be calculated on average pounds gained per day.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at the office!



## Swine Weigh-in

When: Saturday, April 13th

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

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## Goat Weigh-in

When: Saturday, May 4, 2023

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#### **What is Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)?**

Illinois 4-H, requires all youth ages 8-18, enrolled in livestock projects (Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Swine) to complete annual quality assurance certification through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program. The goals of this program are to ensure safety and wellbeing of animals produced by youth for showing 4-H projects, ensure a safe food supply to consumers, enhance the future of the livestock industry by educating youth on these very important issues so they can become more informed producers and consumers in agriculture and food industry, and offer livestock shows a valid, national quality assurance certification for youth livestock exhibitors.

#### **When do I need to complete YQCA training?**

YQCA Training will take place at 4-H Club Meetings. Youth **MUST** take this training prior to making their county 4-H show entries. County deadline is May 1 (Entries will **NOT** be approved unless training is complete.) This does not apply to youth exhibiting animal or veterinary science poster/display projects.

#### **How do I complete the training and what is fee?**

Youth have two options to be certified. You may attend a certification program hosted by the Extension Office at your Club Meeting (cost \$3) or you may complete the training online (cost \$12). Each club will be offering an in-person training opportunity.

Youth who choose to attend an in-person instructor-led training will need to register online through the YQCA website. Youth **MUST** pre-register and pay online; no walk-in registrations or money can be taken the day of the training. Youth who do not take the in-person club meeting YQCA training will be required to turn in their certificate to the Extension Office by May 1. If you do not turn in your certificate you will not be able to show in the 2024 Fair.

**Register before your next club meeting to make sure you can attend the class!**

<https://yqcaprogram.org>



The Wayne County Farm Bureau is pleased to sponsor the 2024 4-H Project Grant Program for Wayne County 4-Hers. We are hopeful that this program will 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 Wayne 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, 2024.**

Applications are available from 4-H club leaders, the Wayne County Extension office, and the Wayne County Farm Bureau. Applications can also be downloaded at [www.waynecfb.com/4hgrant](http://www.waynecfb.com/4hgrant).

If you have questions regarding requirements of the 4-H Project Grant Program, please call the Farm Bureau office (618) 842-3342.

# ILLINOIS 4-H EXPERIENCE AWARD

DIMENSION	COLUMN A # OF CLUB / INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES	COLUMN B # OF COUNTY EXPERIENCES	COLUMN C # OF UNIT-WIDE / REGIONAL EXPERIENCES	COLUMN D # OF STATE / NATIONAL EXPERIENCES
PARTICIPATION		PICKLEBALL NIGHT 10-2-23 DODGEBALL NIGHT 10-3-23 BOARD GAME/MOVIE NIGHT 10-5-23 4-H CARNIVAL NIGHT 10-6-23 WAYNE COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT 11/10/23		4-H FAMILY CAMP 9-8-23
COMMUNITY SERVICE				FOOD ADVOCACY GRANT 10-23
LEADERSHIP	CLUB OFFICER 2023-2024	OFFICER TRAINING 11/18/23	AMBASSADOR TRAINING 9-6-23	
PROJECT LEARNING		VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOP 10-9-23  CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT WORKSHOP 12-21-23  SEWING WORKSHOP 2/19/24  CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP 2/24/24		STATE SHOTGUN SHOOT 9-23-23