



# Edwards County 4-H Happenings!



September 2021

## Calendar of 4-H Events

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encouraged to allow sufficient time for  
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### September

- 1 New Year Start for 4-H
- 14 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Christian Church
- 15 Yankees Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Moravian Church
- 15 Blue Ribbon Mtg. 6:00 p.m. South Side of Fairgrounds by Exhibition Building
- Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. Date To Be Decided
- 22 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at LPCC
- 23 Records/Award Applications due at Extension Office
- 25 Shooting Sports 8:00 a.m. Sportsmen's Club

### October

- 1-31 STEM Challenge Month
- 2 Flag Burning Ceremony with VFW, 9:00 a.m. Albion Square
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 16-17 Junior Leadership Conference
- 25 Achievement Night, 7:00 p.m. COUNTRY Financial Hall

### November

- 1 Deadline for Illinois 4-H Scholarship

## National 4-H Week – October 3-9, 2021 Theme: *Find Your Spark!*

National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **Find Your Spark!** We are lifting up youth voices and helping kids get equal access to the resources they need to thrive. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 3– 9. Encourage your clubs to show their 4-H pride and wear a clover! Use the hashtag #FindYourSpark or #National4HWeek as you share your 4-H activities on social media. We will be sharing more information in the coming weeks.

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# Edwards County 4-H



## Award Forms

All forms for County Awards can be found on the Extension Website:  
<http://extension.illinois.edu/elrww> If you are planning on applying for an award, please plan on attending Achievement Night.

## Project Books

If you have project books that are gently used and not written in, please return them to the Extension office. They will be put to good use, another member can use them.

## Sr. Federation

All high school age 4-H members are urged to join Sr. Federation. If you want more information, contact Debbie Fearn or attend the next meeting. Watch the Edwards Co. 4-H Facebook page for date of the next meeting.

## 4-H Year Begins September 1

The new 2021-2022 4-H year begins September 1, 2021. Youth ages 8-18 by September 1, 2021 may enroll as a 4-H member. Youth ages 5-7 by September 1, 2021 can enroll as a Tag-A-Long. Invite a friend to your next meeting and encourage classmates to join the fun of 4-H!

## Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports is held the 4th Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. If you need more information contact Lise Summerfield at 618-838-7157. New members are welcome!

## Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Yankees Club leader, Derra Williams, she was inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. The induction was held virtually on August 17.

## Record Collection Coming Soon!

Records due in Extension office by September 23. Please turn in all your records to your leader prior to this date in order to be eligible for awards. Remember if you turn in records make sure you have done them! Please note: All secretary and treasurer books MUST be turned in by this deadline! Club scrapbooks, if available, need to be turned in by this date as well.

## Achievement Night

Achievement Night is scheduled for October 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now. We hope to celebrate with all 4-H members and their families!

## Lending a Helping Hand

Edwards Co. 4-H secured a \$1,000 grant through the Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy, with the help of Ava and Addison Anderson. The grant money bought non-perishable food items, for the Edwards Co. Ministerial Alliance for their summer lunch program.

## Flag Burning Ceremony

The VFW has contacted the Extension office about a Flag Burning Ceremony. They would like to include Edwards Co. 4-H members. This would be a community service activity. The Ceremony is going to be held on Saturday, October 2, at 9:00 a.m., on the west side of the square. Rain date will be October 9. Plan on being there by 8:45.

## New 2021-2022 Projects

Cover Crops and Quilting are new projects for the new 4-H year. Take a look at these projects, in the 4-H Project Guide.

## JUST THE HELP YOU NEED FOR YOUR 4-H CLUB

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

Go to [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H)

Click on the **Clubs** tab.

Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page

Find these helpful documents:

**Club Meeting Agenda** – this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.

**Club Committee Planning Worksheet** – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.

**Club Yearly Program Plan** – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.

**More** – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.

## Did you Know???

☺ Lots of pictures have been posted on Facebook from the 4-H Shows. Take time to look up "Edwards County 4-H". Like the page too!

## Time to Recruit New MEMBERS!

Our new 4-H year begins on Sept. 1st. We lost a few members due to the completion of their 4-H career. We now call these members alumni. You were a great group and we will miss you! Of course, we hope to see you at the fairs in years to come, and still present to help us carry on 4-H for the younger youth! **Now is the time to ask new members to join!! Ask a new prospective member to join your club meeting!! IF they actually attend a meeting with you email [djc@illinois.edu](mailto:djc@illinois.edu) and have your name put in the pot for a CASH prize!! If you have two friends attend a meeting you get two names added. This is a chance to Win something cool and get a friend in your club!! Offer goes until Jan. 1st so let's start asking friends NOW!**



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## **Edwards County 4-H Dog Show Results**

In the Dog Care portion of the Edwards County 4-H Dog Show held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. Adelynn McCaleb was named the Dog Care Champion. She was awarded a trophy donated by First Bank Grayville. Kaylie Vallette was the Reserve Dog Care Champion.

In the Obedience portion, Kwade Sawyer was named Beginning Novice I Champion and received a trophy donated by Prairie Farm Dairy-Olney. Keira Willett received the Beginning Novice I Reserve Champion ribbon. In the Beginning Novice II class, Kaylie Vallette won the Champion trophy donated by Meredith/Ingram Funeral Home. Kaylie Vallette was named Novice Champion and received a trophy donated by Jerry Crisel. Thank you to our judge Shawna Zeilstra for judging our show.

## **Edwards County Equine Show**

The Edwards County Equine show was held Friday, July 23. The Senior Showmanship winner was Olivia Bosecker, who received a trophy donated by Bailey Enterprises, Inc. In the Junior division, Caesyn Nelson was the Showmanship winner, taking home a trophy donated by Les Smith Atty. The Novice division belt buckle, donated by Bunting Quarter Horse, Don & Nancy Bunting was awarded to Harrison Lovellette. Thank you to our judge David Shain from Mt. Carmel, IL for judging the show and to Dustin Hawkins Integrity Real Estate for providing the sound truck.

## **Edwards County 4-H Rabbit Show Results**

The Edwards County 4-H Rabbit show was held Sunday, July 25 at COUNTRY Financial Hall. In the New Zealand division, Kaylie Vallette showed Best of Breed and Kylar VanMatre showed the Best Opposite. In the Californians, Aleya Bare was named Best of Breed and Best Opposite. In the Mini-Rex division, Skylar Greathouse showed Best of Breed and Best Opposite. In the Lops, Aleya Bare showed Best of Breed and Hannah Bare Best Opposite. In the Other Pure Breeds Small division, Hayley Perry was the Best of Breed and Kaylie Vallette showed the Best Opposite. In the Other Pure Breeds Large division, Brayden Childers was named Best of Breed and Kylar VanMatre the Best Opposite. In the Mixed Breeds division, Harrison Lovellette showed the Best of Breed and Best Opposite.

The Grand Champion Rabbit was shown by Aleya Bare. She received a banner donated by Steve Thomson, Country Insurance. The Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit was shown by Skylar Greathouse.

In the Market class, Grand Champion Market Rabbit was awarded to Skylar Greathouse. She received a banner donated by Herschel Johnson Implement, Inc. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit was shown by Grace Glover. Hannah Perry was awarded the Rabbit Showmanship trophy donated by Jo Rector and Family. Thanks to Mike Claypool for judging the show.

## **2021 Edwards County 4-H Small Pets**

The Edwards County 4-H Small Pets Show was held on Sunday, July 25th. Don St. Ledger was the judge. Kayleigh Sanford was chosen as the Jr. Small Pets Champion and received the trophy presented by Colyer Coffeehouse and Brayden Sanford was chosen as the Sr. Small Pets Champion and received the trophy from Rigg Family Care Pharmacy.

## Edwards County 4-H Sheep Show Results

The Edwards County 4-H Sheep Show was held Monday, July 26. In the Hampshire Division Gabe Wyatt showed the Champion Ewe and Halley Kocher the Reserve Champion Ewe. In the Corriedale Division the Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe was shown by JJ Spray. In the Cheviot Division JW Simms-Reisner showed the Champion and Reserve Grand Champions in the Ram and Ewe classes. Davina Witte had the Champion Ram and Ewe in the Polled Dorset Ewe class. Brooklyn Kitchene had the Reserve Champion Polled Dorset Ewe. JW Simms-Reisner showed the Champion Montadale Ram and the Champion and Reserve Champion Montadale Ewes. In the Suffolk Ewe class Davina Witte showed the Champion and Reserve Champion Ewes. The Champion Crossbred Ram and Champion and Reserve Champion Ewes was shown by Aly Williams. Gabe Wyatt had the Champion Non-Registered Ewe.

The Grand Champion Ram was awarded to JW Simms-Reisner, and he received a banner donated by Edwards County Farm Bureau Young Leaders. The Reserve Grand Champion Ram was shown by Davina Witte.

The Grand Champion Ewe was shown by J.W. Simms-Reisner. Gabe Wyatt showed the Reserve Grand Champion Ewe. J.W. Simms-Reisner received the banner donated by Three Rivers Veterinary Clinic. In the Market Class, Halley Kocher showed the Grand Champion Market Lamb. The trophy was donated by Farm Credit Services of Illinois. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb was, also, shown by Halley Kocher.

In the Showmanship Classes, the Senior division winner was Halley Kocher, who received a trophy donated by Edwards County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. Aly Williams won the Junior division; she received a trophy donated by Farm Credit Services of Illinois. Sydney Williams won the Novice belt buckle donated by Wesley and Kelly Fryman.

## 2021 Edwards County 4-H Poultry Show Results

The Edwards County 4-H Poultry show was held Monday evening, July 26. In the white egg layers division, Olivia Bosecker showed the best of show rooster, Cy Nelson had the best of show hen, Breeana Willett had the best of show cockerel, and Natalie Shelby had the best of show pullet. In the colored egg layers, Connor Trowbridge showed the best of show rooster, Kaylie Vallette had the best of show hen, Lane Abbott had the best of show cockerel and best of show pullet. In the fancy breeds division, Natalie Shelby showed the best of show rooster, Lane Abbott had the best of show hen, Keira Willett showed the best of show cockerel, Matthew Bare the best of show pullet. Kaylie Vallette showed the best of show turkeys. Kamryn Trowbride best of show guineas, Wyatt Johnson best of show waterfowl, and Natalie Shelby best of show game birds. The best of show young pen went to Matthew Bare. The barnyard special went to Kamryn Trowbridge. The Grand Champion Over All Breeds was shown by Olivia Bosecker, Kaylie Vallette received the Reserve Grand Champion Over All Breeds.

In the market class, Matthew Bare was named Grand Champion and received a banner donated by Countryside Vet Clinic. Breeana Willett was named Reserve Grand Champion. One dozen eggs best of show went to Cooper Lynch. Kaylie Vallette won the Showmanship class, which was judged on presentation and knowledge. She received a trophy donated by Farm Credit Services of Illinois.



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## **2021 Edwards County 4-H Swine Show**

The Edwards County 4-H Swine show was held Tuesday, July 27th. Grand Champion Swine Female went to Ryleigh Moore, Stumpy Hill Farm, donated the banner. Ryleigh, also, showed the Grand Champion Crossbred Gilt, Citizens National Bank of Albion, donated the Grand Champion banner. The Reserve Grand Champion, for Crossbred Gilts was shown by Tori Thompson.

In the Crossbred Gilt division, the following exhibitors showed the Champion and Reserve by weight classes: Ryleigh Moore, Champion heavy weight and Tori Thompson Reserve Champion heavy weight; Ryleigh Moore Champion light weight: Brayden Sanford Reserve Champion light weight.

In the market barrow division, the following exhibitors showed the Champion and Reserve by weight classes: Lydia Kelsey, Champion heavy weight and Reserve Champion heavy weight; Tori Thompson, Champion middle weight; Jaxon Kelsey, Reserve Champion middle weight; Ryleigh Moore, Champion light weight; Zoie Ankenbrand, Reserve Champion light weight.. The Grand Champion Market barrow banner, donated by Edwards County Farm Bureau Foundation, was presented to Ryleigh Moore. The Reserve Grand Champion barrow went to Tori Thompson

In the showmanship division, Tori Thompson earned the Senior Showmanship trophy donated by the Thompson family, in Memory of Ed Thompson, Addison Anderson won the Junior Showmanship trophy donated by Edward Jones Investments – Brian T. Mewes, Investment Representative, and Ryleigh Moore won the Novice belt buckle donated by Sheila Schnepfer, Edwards County Supervisor of Assessments.

## **Edwards County 4-H Bucket Calf & Beef Show Results**

The Bucket Calf and Beef Shows were held Wednesday, July 28 at the 4-H arena on the Edwards County Fairgrounds. The Champion Beef Bucket Calf was shown by Brayden Sanford, who received a trophy donated by Citizens National Bank of Albion. Kayleigh Sanford showed the Reserve Champion Calf.

Brayden Sanford received the Showmanship Belt Buckle, donated by Citizens National Bank of Albion.

In the Beef Show, Laney Stephens showed the Champion Hereford Female and received a trophy donated by Speir Chiropractic, Inc. Cody Greathouse showed the Reserve Champion Hereford Female. In the Angus Breed Laney Stephens showed the Champion and Reserve Champion Angus Female, receiving a trophy donated by Ray Livesay-Windy Hill Farm. Laney Stephens received the Doug Raber, Agent – State Farm Insurance trophy for her Champion Simmental Female. In the All Other Registered Breeds Female, Laney Stephens won the Champion trophy donated by 5B Simmental. The Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Female was shown by River Greathouse, the trophy was donated by City of Albion. The Grand Champion Beef Female banner, donated by Ray Livesay – Windy Hill Farm, was awarded to Laney Stephens. The Reserve Grand Champion Beef Female was, also, shown by Laney Stephens.

The Grand Champion Market Steer was shown by Hallie Shelton. She received a banner donated by the Edwards County Farm Bureau, Board of Directors. Chase Shelton showed the Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer.

In the Showmanship Division, Laney Stephens was awarded the Senior Showmanship trophy donated by the Albion Veterinary Clinic. The Junior Showman was Chase Shelton, who won a trophy donated by the Bone Gap Cardinals 4-H Club, In Memory of LuLu Kelsey. The Novice Showmanship belt buckle, donated by Country Financial – Doug Hortin, Agent was awarded to River Greathouse.

## **Master Showmanship**

The Edwards Co. Master Showmanship Contest was held on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H barn. 2021 Winner is Laney Stephens. The reserve is Halley Kocher. Trophy presented by Neil and Debbie Fearn.



## END OF YEAR AWARD TIME IS APPROACHING

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Scholarship Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.

The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

The **Illinois 4-H Scholarship** is a merit-based scholarship to award outstanding work in project areas. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the following categories: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/ Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/ Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth and STEM/Robotics. The deadline to apply is November 1. Apply online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships](https://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships).

Each 4-H member has a story to tell and are eligible for our 4-H awards program – tell YOUR stories and see where they take you!



## CLUB RECOGNITION AWARD

Is your 4-H Club doing outstanding work in the areas of Community Service, Leadership or Project Mastery?. If so, you should apply for the Illinois 4-H Club Award! Clubs receiving this award will receive a \$75 cash incentive and an award certificate. This is also a great tool to set goals and plan for the upcoming 4-H year. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.



### **2021 State Shoots: Registrations Open**

State competitions for 4-H Archery; Shotgun; Rifle; and Pistol are conducted in the fall each year. Rules for the shoots and registration information will be posted on the Illinois 4-H website by August 1, 2021.

Look at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-competitions>

Participants must be ages 13 – 18 years on Sept. 1, 2021 and be enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Club to be eligible for these competitions.

On-line registration for all shoots will be open Aug. 1 – mid-September.

Archery: Sat., Sept. 18, 2021 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL

Register at: [go.illinois.edu/4harchery](https://go.illinois.edu/4harchery)

Shotgun: Sat., Sept. 25, 2021 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL

Register at: [go.illinois.edu/4hshotgun](https://go.illinois.edu/4hshotgun)

Rifle and Pistol: Sat., Oct. 2 and 3, 2021 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL

Register for rifle at: [go.illinois.edu/4hrifle](https://go.illinois.edu/4hrifle)

Register for pistol at: [go.illinois.edu/4hpistol](https://go.illinois.edu/4hpistol)



### **Planning ahead.....2021-2022:**

Illinois 4-H is joining forces with the Illinois Association of Soil & Water Conservation District Forestry Committee to organize a statewide tree appreciation program entitled: **4-H Green Communities Tree Program**. Several educational forestry topics will be emphasized along with a culminating event of planting trees throughout the state on community based properties in the spring of 2022.

Be thinking of where a tree could go in your community as a survey of interested counties will be done this fall! No cost to you!

Illinois 4-H Contact: Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu)

### **Reminder!**

**If you received a trophy or banner at the fair be sure to send them a thank you!**

**Our donors are a very important part of Edwards County 4-H!**