September
1  New Year Start for 4-H is Sept.
4  Office Closed in observance of Labor Day
11 Sr. Federation Mtg. 6 p.m. at the Extension office
12 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. at church
19 Record Collection 6:00 p.m. at the Extension office/Ldr. Mtg.
20 Blue Ribbon Mtg. 6:30 p.m. at Farm Bureau
20 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. 7:30 p.m. at West Salem
20 Yankees Meeting 7:00 p.m. at West Salem
27 Ellery Panthers Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at LPCC

October
1-7 National 4-H Week “Grow True Leaders”
7-9 Discover Chicago trip-enroll today!
23 4-H Achievement Night!! All 4-H members needed!

Thank You Leaders, Parents, 4-H members, Edwards Co. Fair Board, and to the Community for all your help to make the Edwards County 4-H program a real success. We appreciate all that you do throughout the 4-H year!!
A strong support system is vital to keep the program Strong for our area youth! Let’s keep it Strong Together!
Discover Chicago

Send in your registrations, this is an opportunity you don’t want to miss at a very reasonable price. See enclosed flyer and call the office for more information! Some have partial scholarships for this event so call today! The trip is Oct. 7-9th! This trip fill first come first serve so don’t delay!

Auction Participants

Please send a thank you note to your buyer after the 4-H Auction. Thank you cards are a quick way to show them how much you appreciate them and help ensure their participation in the auction in years to come.

Trophy/Belt Buckle Winners!

All trophy winners should send a thank you to the trophy donors. Please let your sponsors know how much you value their support of the Edwards County 4-H program.

4-H Year Begins September 1st

The new 2017-2018 4-H year begins September 1, 2017. Youth ages 8-18 by September 1, 2017 may enroll as a 4-H member. Invite a friend to your next meeting and encourage classmates to join the fun of 4-H!

Leaders Meeting/Record Collection-Coming Soon!

Record Collection will be held on September 19, 2017 at the Extension Office 6 p.m.. 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. Don’t forget to turn in Scholarships!

Achievement Night

Achievement Night is scheduled for October 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now. We are excited to see what awards will be given out to 4-H members who have worked really hard during the 4-H year! It has been a great year come bring your family and enjoy the celebration!

Buyers’ Cards

If you sold an animal in the Youth Auction, the buyers’ card with your picture will be available to you very soon. Leaders will be getting these to you. Please remember these are a gift for your buyer, be sure to deliver them promptly along with a thank you. If you don’t know how to locate your buyer-ask around! The office would be happy to help you!!
Shooting Sports

The final shoot will be held on August, 26, 2017. It is a night with family and friends. Hamburgers are provided. Bring a dish to pass. The next shoot will kick off the new 4-H year so be watching for the date and time of the next event. If you are in a community club you are eligible to join Edwards Co. Shooting Sports!

National 4-H Week 2017-18

4-H week will be Oct. 1-7th, 2017. We plan to again have a poster contest and we WILL be giving a prize for the winning poster this year. Please use a full size poster board for your poster and the theme is “Grow True Leaders” or you can use your own theme! This contest can be done by an individual or you can do it as a club-Just be creative and have fun! Turn your posters in to the Extension office by Sept. 28th.

Sr. Federation Meeting

All High School aged youth are welcome and encouraged to join Sr. Federation. You are eligible if you are a member of 4-H and in high school. The first organizational meeting of the year will be Mon. Sept. 11, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Extension office. Call Debbie Fearn with any questions.

Did you Know???

😊 Lots of pictures have been posted on Facebook from the fair shows. Take time to look up “Edwards County 4-H”. Like the page too!

Illinois State Fair

Several families from Edwards Co. attended the Illinois State Fair. We had some show animals and several who took general projects. Also, three youth will be attending for Dog Obedience. We will post on facebook who attended and highlights soon!

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 call the office 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 till Jan. 1st so let’s start asking friends NOW!
Discover CHICAGO!

October 7-9, 2017

What is Discover Chicago?
Discover Chicago is your chance to experience three jam-packed days in one of our largest cities.

Who can go?
All Southern Illinois youth who are in grades 5-7 during the 2017-2018 school year can attend.

How much does the trip cost?
The $299 fee includes admission to all attractions, lodging at Embassy Suites Hotel, meals, charter bus transportation, and insurance. This amount also includes a commemorative t-shirt.

How can I find out more?
Contact your local University of Illinois Extension office. The deadline to register is September 1, 2017. Minimum of 50 participants is required.

Note to Parents
Discover Chicago is sponsored by University of Illinois Extension so you can be assured that your child will be properly supervised by caring adults. The trip offers just the right mix of fun and education for an experience your child will never forget.

- Be AMAZED by an incredible collection of aquatic animals from around the world at Shedd Aquarium.
- VIEW Chicago from the Willis Tower
- DINE on a hearty four-course meal while cheering brave knights as they demonstrate their skills at Medieval Times.
- Don’t miss the chance to TOUR an actual Boeing 727 jet, explore the depths of a coal mine, and take a cross country train trip at the Museum of Science and Industry.
- ENJOY a wildly unique dining experience at the Rainforest Café.
- EXPLORE history and meet T-Rex Sue at the Field Museum.
4-H Dog Show Results
In the dog care portion of the Edwards County 4-H Dog Show held on Thursday, July 20, 2017. Ellie Marks was named the Dog Care Champion. She was awarded a trophy donated by Lyndle and Charlotte Barnes. Kaylie Vallette was the Reserve Dog Care Champion. Thank you to Brandi Watkins for judging the dog care show.

In the obedience portion, Chase Shelton was presented the Beginner I trophy, donated by the Navigator & Journal-Register. Sam Bogle was named Beginner II Champion and received a trophy donated by Ingram Funeral Home. Jessica Melloy received the Beginner II Reserve Champion trophy. In the Pre-Novice class, Kaylie Vallette won the Champion trophy donated by Albion Moose Family Center. The reserve went to Elizabeth Spillman.

Laryn Fisher was named Novice Champion and received a trophy donated by Jerry Crisel. Thank you to our judge Darlenne Budde for judging our show.

4-H Bucket Calf & Beef Show Results
The Bucket Calf and Beef shows were held Wednesday, July 26 at the 4-H arena on the Edwards County fairgrounds. The champion beef bucket calf was showed by Chase Shelton, who received a trophy donated by Citizens National Bank of Albion. Shiloh Beadles showed the reserve champion beef bucket calf. The champion dairy bucket calf was showed by Zeb Ankenbrand, who received a trophy donated by First Bank Grayville. Riley Delancy showed the reserve champion dairy bucket calf.

Zeb Ankenbrand received the showmanship belt buckle, donated by Citizens National Bank of Albion. In the beef show, Allison Stephens showed the champion heifer and female and received a trophy donated by Speir Chiropractic, Inc. In the Simmental breed, Allison Stephens showed the champion Simmental female, receiving a trophy donated by Doug Raber, State Farm. Lidia Kelsey showed the reserve champion. The champion Shorthorn trophy, donated by Sunnyland Farm, was awarded to Dawson Witte. Dawson Witte also showed the reserve champion Shorthorn female. In the All Other Registered Breeds, Lidia Kelsey won the champion trophy donated by 5B Simmental. The reserve went to Jaxon Kelsey. The Grand Champion Beef Female trophy, donated by Ray Livesay – Windy Hill Farm, was awarded to Allison Stephens. The Reserve Grand Champion Beef Female was showed by Laney Stephens. The champion crossbred female was showed by Laney Stephens and the trophy was donated by JTK Services. Jaxon Kelsey received the reserve champion.

The Grand Champion Market Steer was showed by Jacob Beadles. She received a trophy donated by the Edwards County Farm Bureau. Jace Rector showed the Reserve Grand Champion Market steer.

In the showmanship division, Allison Stephens was awarded the senior showmanship trophy donated by the Albion Veterinary Clinic. The junior showman was Laney Stephens, who won a trophy donated by the Bone Gap Cardinals 4-H Club In Memory of Reed Kelsey. The novice showmanship belt buckle, donated by Country Financial – Doug Hortin, was awarded to Gabe Wyatt.

4-H Equine Show
The Edwards County Equine show was held Friday, July 21. The Senior Showmanship winner was Jessica Melloy, who received a trophy donated by Bailey Enterprises, Inc. In the Junior division, Caelyn 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 Aly Williams. Thank you to our judge Alicia Schmidt from Mt. Vernon, In. for judging the show and to Dustin Hawkins Integrity Real Estate for providing the sound truck.

4-H Small Pets
The Edwards County 4-H Small Pets Show was held on Sunday, July 23rd. Norma Sawyer was the judge and her grand daughter assisted. Brayden Sanford was chosen as the Jr. Small Pets Champion and Taylor Bogle was chosen as the Sr. Small Pets Champion.
4-H Goat Show Results
The Edwards County 4-H Goat Show was held Tuesday afternoon, July 25. In the dairy goat division, Campbell Biggs showed the Grand Champion Dairy female. She received a trophy donated by the Edwards County Ag in the Classroom. In the non-dairy goat division, Hayley Buerster showed the Grand Champion and Clay Marks showed the Reserve Grand Champion Non-Dairy female. Hayley received a trophy donated by the City of Albion. The Grand Champion Market Goat was showed by Gus Beadles, who received a trophy donated by Wm. Nobbe & Co. Inc. The Reserve Grand Champion was showed by Parker Biggs.

In the showmanship division, the senior showmanship trophy donated by Terry Mewes and Ashley Craig was awarded to Clay Marks. Hayley Buerster won the junior showmanship trophy donated by Ingram Funeral Home. In the novice class, Parker Biggs won the belt buckle donated by Countryside Vet Clinic.

4-H Poultry Show Results
The Edwards County 4-H Poultry show was held Monday evening, July 24. In the white egg layers division, Jace Fisher showed the best of show rooster, Cy Nelson had the best of show hen, Cheyenne Summerfield had the best of show cockerel, and Amelia Fearn the best of show pullet. In the colored egg layers, Noah Michels showed the best of show rooster, Emma Glover the best of show hen, Hanna Waggoner best of show cockerel, and Emma Wiseman best of show pullet. In the fancy breeds division, Samantha Sharp showed the best of show rooster, Noah Michels best of show hen, Ashlyn Wise best of show cockerel, and Katelyn Case best of show pullet. Parker Biggs showed the best of show turkey, Cheyenne Summerfield best of show guineas, Amelia Fearn best of show waterfowl, and Samantha Sharp best of show game bird. The best of show young pen went to Shiloh Beadles. The best of show older pen went to Austin Wise. The barnyard special went to Parker Biggs. The Grand Champion Over All Breeds was showed by Emma Wiseman. Ashlyn Wise received the Reserve Grand Champion Over All Breeds.

In the market class, Jace Fisher was named Grand Champion and received a trophy donated by Remington Seeds, LLC. Emma Glover was named Reserve Grand Champion. One dozen eggs best of show went to Kryslyn Kolb. Cheyenne Summerfield won the showmanship class, which was judged on presentation and knowledge. She received a trophy donated by Farm Credit.

Rabbit Show Results
The Edwards County 4-H Rabbit show was held Sunday, July 23 at the Exhibition Building. Jackie Gentry and Tom Green judged the show. In the New Zealand division, Shaneeka Creed showed Best of Breed and Laryn Fisher showed the Best Opposite. In the Californians, Jace Fisher was named Best of Breed and Laryn Fisher received the Best Opposite. In the Mini-Rex division, Ashlyn Wise showed Best of Breed and Jace Fisher received the Best Opposite. In the Other Purebreds Small division, Ashlyn Wise was the Best of Breed and Jace Fisher was the Best Opposite. In the Other Purebreds Large division, Ashlyn Wise was named Best of Breed and also showed the Best Opposite. In the Mixed Breeds division, Elizabeth Spillman showed both the Best of Breed and Laryn Fisher received the Best Opposite.

The Grand Champion Rabbit was showed by Shaneeka Creed. She received a trophy donated by Steve Thomson, Country Insurance. The Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit was showed by Ashlyn Wise.

In the market class, Grand Champion Market Rabbit was awarded to Shaneeka Creed. She received a trophy donated by Herschel Johnson Implement, Inc. The Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit was also showed by Shaneeka Creed. Thanks to the judges Jackie Gentry and Tom Green for judging the show.
4-H Sheep Show Results

The Edwards County 4-H Sheep Show was held Monday, July 24. In the Corriedale division, the Champion Ram and Reserve Champion was showed by Grace Thomason. Grace Thomason also showed the Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe. Davina Witte showed the Champion Polled Dorset Ewe and Aly Williams showed the Reserve Champion Polled Dorset Ewe. Grace Thomason showed the Champion Other Registered Breeds Ram and also the Reserve. J.W Simms-Reisner showed the Champion Other Registered Breeds Ewe and the Reserve. The Champion Crossbred Ram was showed by Aly Williams and the Reserve. J.W. Simms-Reisner showed the Champion Crossbred Ewe and the Reserve went to Aly Williams.

The Grand Champion Ram was awarded to Aly Williams, and she received a trophy donated by Edwards County Farm Bureau Young Leaders. The Reserve Grand Champion Ram was showed by Grace Thomason.

The Grand Champion Ewe was showed by J.W. Simms-Reisner. Davina Witte showed the Reserve Grand Champion Ewe. Davina received a trophy donated by Gill Veterinary Clinic. In the market classes, Davina Witte showed the Grand Champion Market Lamb. The trophy was donated by Farm Credit. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb was showed by Aly Williams.

In the showmanship classes, the senior division winner was Grace Thomason, who received a trophy donated by Edwards County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee. Davina Witte won the junior division, she received a trophy donated by Farm Credit Services. Aly Williams won the novice showmanship belt buckle donated by the Fryman Family.

4-H Swine Show

The Edwards County 4-H Swine show was held Tuesday, July 25. In the purebred division, the grand champion purebred gilt was showed by Tori Thompson. Stumpy Hill Farm donated the grand champion trophy. The reserve grand champion was showed by Avery Roosevelt.

In the crossbred gilt division, the following exhibitors showed the champion and reserve by weight classes: Addison Anderson, champion heavy weight; Avery Roosevelt reserve champion heavy weight; Tori Thompson, champion middle heavy weight; Caleb Bunnage, reserve champion middle heavy weight; Avery Roosevelt, champion light heavy weight; Ava Greathouse, reserve champion light heavy weight; Raechel Hnetkovsky, champion middle weight; Cheyenne Summerfield, reserve champion middle weight; Brayden Sanford, champion light weight; Hayley Kocher reserve champion light weight. The Grand Champion Crossbred Gilt trophy, donated by Citizens National Bank of Albion, was presented to Avery Roosevelt. Ava Greathouse, reserve grand champion crossbred gilt. In the market barrow division, the following exhibitors showed the champion and reserve by weight classes: Allison Stephens, champion heavy weight; Tori Thompson, reserve champion heavy weight; Caleb Bunnage, champion middle heavy weight; Addison Anderson, reserve champion middle heavy weight; Brockton Greathouse, champion light heavy weight; Jaxon Kelsey reserve champion light heavy weight; Lidia Kelsey, champion middle weight; Tyger Clodfelter, reserve champion middle weight; Jaxon Kelsey, champion light middle weight; Wyatt Greathouse, reserve champion light middle weight; Gabe Wyatt, champion light weight; and Callie Meserole, reserve champion light weight. The Grand Champion Market barrow trophy, donated by Edwards County Farm Bureau Foundation, was presented to Lidia Kelsey. The Reserve Grand Champion barrow went to Allison Stephens.

In the showmanship division, Allison Stephens earned the senior showmanship trophy donated by Lawrence and Mary Hurley, Avery Roosevelt won the junior showmanship trophy donated by Edward Jones Investments – Brian T. Mewes, Investment Representative, and Felicity Fearn won the novice belt buckle donated by Sheila Schnepper, Edwards County Supervisor of Assessments.

2017 Master Showmanship

The Edwards Co. Master Showmanship Contest was held on Wednesday, July 26th at the 4-H barn. 2017 Winner is Allison Stephens. The reserve is Clay Marks.
Parkersburg Community Club donates to 4-H!

Champion Laboratories donates to 4-H!

What a great community we live in. Thank You to the donors who recently gave a donation. We appreciate your support and for thinking of 4-H!

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