Illinois Extension

University of Illinois
Extension
Richland County
305 S. Fair
Olney, IL 62450
Phone: 618-395-2191

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed 12 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Extension Staff:

Tara Buerster
County Extension Director

Samantha Gaither 4-H Youth Development Educator

Allison Kocher
4-H Program Coordinator

Sheri Pitts
Office Support Assistant

Find us on Find us on Richland County Illinois 4-H



Richland County 4-H

NEWSLETTER





Calendar of Events

April

- Office Closed to the public working remotelySpark at the Library
- 16 Last YQCA in person training
- Pollinator ProgramT-Shirt designs due

May

- 1 Fair Entry enrollments open
- 1 Dog Ownership/Lease papers due
- 1 Horse Ownership/Lease papers due
- 27 Office Closed

Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals are as follows:

January 1, 2024: Market Beef, Dairy cows, Dairy Goat milking does

April 15, 2024: All Swine

May 1, 2024: All breeding beef, bucket calf, all meat goats, all novelty goats, all

Horse, all poultry, all rabbit and all sheep

The above dates are when all 4-H'ers with these projects must have the animals in their possession.



College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
University of Illinois • U.S. Department of Agriculture • Local Extension Councils Cooperating
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.



QAEC Training

For members enrolled in **horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats**:

This would be your first year in one of the above projects. If you are required to complete the YQCA, it will count for the QAEC—you do NOT need to complete both.

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Deadline is **June 1, 2024**. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. This can be accessed by going to *Clover Academy on ZSuite*.

This certification is a one time certification and does not need to be redone every year.

YQCA Training Attention youth enrolled in Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep,

and Swine. It is that time again to get certified in YQCA. For new members enrolled in these species this is a yearly certification you must complete by June 1, 2024 to exhibit livestock at the 2024 Richland County Fair. There are two ways you can get certified, the first is an online course and second being a face-to-face training. If you pick the online course visit YQCAprogram.org and select the online course and pay \$12. If picking the faceto-face training also visit YQCAprogram.org and select inperson training and then find the date you are wanting to attend and register for it online. You must register for an in-person training online and pay the \$3 there. If you have questions, please contact the Extension office for assistance. The last in person training will be Tuesday, April 16 at 6 pm in Mr. Vandyke's Classroom at Richland County High School. If you do not attend this training you must complete it online and send us a

copy of your completion certificate.









go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowbook



Registration

Another show opportunity for 4-H members in Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash and Wayne counties...

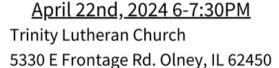
At University of Illinois Extension, we believe in giving our youth the opportunity to show off their skills and knowledge. We are partnering with DuQuoin State Fair to sponsor a General Projects Show and Livestock Show. This will not replace local county fairs or Illinois State Fair. There will be no premiums paid.

Saturday, Aug 17 - General Projects Show (Maximum of 3 entries per participant) Friday, Aug 23 - Goat and Sheep Shows, Swine Weighin

Saturday, Aug 24 - Beef, Dairy, and Swine Shows (Maximum of 1 livestock animal per class. \$5 stalling fee)









We hope you can join us! Register here: https://go.illinois.edu/Richlandpollinator



4-H Pollinator Program

On April 22nd from 6-7:30PM we are hosting a Pollinator Program at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

In this program, youth will have the opportunity to learn more about honeybees, beekeeping, honey and more! Youth will also get to experience several hands-on activities/crafts throughout the

program.



Spark at the Library

April 10th, 2024: SPARK at the Library: Pop Can Speed Boat 4-H Program. In this activity, we will use our engineering minds and create a speed boat out of a pop can. Classes will begin at 4:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Students 2nd grade and older are eligible. Class size is limited so sign up today!







2024 Richland County 4-H Week



Country Clovers had the winning Window Display for 2024 Richland County 4-H Week

