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# Richland County 4-H NEWSLETTER



## Calendar of Events

### April

- 8 Office Closed to the public - working remotely
- 10 Spark at the Library
- 16 Last YQCA in person training
- 22 Pollinator Program
- 30 T-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.



The 2024 Richland County Public Speaking Contest was held on March 6. Levi Clodfelter and Seth Clodfelter were both selected to compete at the State Contest on April 27.



### 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](https://YQCAprogram.org) and select the online course and pay \$12. If picking the face-to-face training also visit [YQCAprogram.org](https://YQCAprogram.org) and select in-person 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.**



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# Southern Region 4-H Showcase

## General Project and Livestock Shows



[go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowbook](https://go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowbook)

**Showbook**

**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 Weigh-in

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

### Richland County 4-H Pollinator Program



April 22nd, 2024 6-7:30PM

Trinity Lutheran Church  
5330 E Frontage Rd. Olney, IL 62450



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



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### 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!



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# 2024 Richland County 4-H Week



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

