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Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter

May 2024

May

- 1 Fair Entry Opens
- 2 Flower Basket Workshop
- 6 Dog Obedience at the Arena at 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Dog Obedience at the Arena at 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Bone Gap Cardinals Meeting Christian Church 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Yankee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
- 20 Dog Obedience at the Arena at 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Blue Ribbon Meeting 6:30 p.m. at COUNTRY Financial Hall
- 22 Ellery Panthers Meeting LPCC 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Dog Obedience at the Arena 6:00 p.m.
Little Wabash Ramblers TBA

June

- 1 QAEC & YQCA Deadline!!!
- 1 Fair Entry Deadline
- 1 Lease Papers Due
- 1 Off Premise Forms Due
- 24 Food & Clothing Show Reg. 5:00 p.m. Judging 5:30 p.m.



ATTENTION!!! You should have received in the mail instruc-
tions on how to register your projects for fair. With this online
system, you can sign up day or night! Deadline is June 1st.
Do Not Wait till the Last Minute to do this!

I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

Poultry Testing

A change has been made this year for health regulations in poultry. We have not had to test because we have a come and go show. This year the Department of Ag., is making all poultry be tested before showing at County and State Fairs. We will be announcing a date to get the testing completed. Watch for updates!



Did you know Illinois 4-H has an Influencers leadership team?

On this team, members get hands-on social media management training and experience. They also manage brand partnerships and assignments from National 4-H! This team is open to youth who will be high school age in the fall of 2024~ applications are open May 1 - 31st! Apply or learn more at [go.illinois.edu/IL4HInfluencers!](https://go.illinois.edu/IL4HInfluencers)

2024 Edwards County 4-H Fair

The fair is right around the corner!

- Use your 2024 Project and Activity Book for the guidelines for each of your projects. If you still have a question, call the Extension office at 618-445-2934 or ask you leader for assistance.
- YQCA and QAEC certification deadline is June 1.
- Projects that are to be shown at the fair will need a goal sheet for each project. The goal sheets for the Food/Clothing and General Project shows will be brought to the shows with your project. Projects for all animals, (small and large) needs to be turned in at Fair Clean-Up.

Looking Forward to a Bigger and Better 4-H Fair!



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I PLEDGE ... MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

This information will be in each newsletter until the fair!

2024 EDWARDS COUNTY 4-H FAIR CHANGES

There are a few changes that have been made this year, for the 4-H shows. We want to make members and families aware of these changes. All changes will be in the 2024 Project and Activity Book.

- General Project show will be held on Saturday, July 13th, starting at 8:00 a.m. This year the General Project show will be judged by clubs. Each club will get an assigned time to be at COUNTRY Financial Hall for judging. Exhibitors will need to arrive at least 30 minutes early to register their project(s) OR they may bring their projects on Friday, July 12th, between 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. to register and place them on the judging tables. Projects will be left after being judged. Judging of all clubs will be completed by 12:00. Public viewing will be held from 12:00-1:00 p.m. At 1:00 p.m. awards, pictures and project pick up will be held.
- There are some changes in the General Projects, all changes can be found in the Project and Activity Book. Members will need to read the guidelines, on each of the projects, they are enrolled in.
- Poultry show has been changed to Thursday, July 25th, at 5:30 p.m., at the 4-H arena.
- A change has been made in the classes of the Swine show. The purebred gilt classes will be omitted. If a member has a purebred gilt, they can enter them in the crossbred gilt class and will be shown by weight. The purebred barrows will still have the same classes. A Grand Champion Barrow will be selected from the purebred barrows and the market barrows.
- Auction will return to Thursday morning, August 1st, at 9:00 a.m.
- Auction Eligible Animals: This year if a member does not show a market animal, but they have another non - market Food Animal they showed in a 4-H show, members may put an animal, of any specie in the Auction. The non-market animals can only go through the auction one year, the only animal that can repeat selling in consecutive years is a Bucket Calf, the following year they could go through as a Steer. If you have a market animal(s) you must select one market animal to be sold at Auction. All animals going into the auction must have the appropriate records kept on those animals.
- Animals will be sold in the same order as before, small animals first, ending with swine. One change will be the order animals will sell for each specie. In the past we have started with the lowest placing and ending with the Grand Champion. This year the Grand Champion animal will sell first, Reserve Champion, highest placing to the lowest, then the Non- Market Animal(s), will be sold last in each specie.
- Animals can leave the fairgrounds after the Auction. Livestock pens and areas will need to be cleaned.



Southern Region 4-H Showcase

General Project Show

Saturday, Aug 17

(Maximum of 3 entries per participant)

Livestock Shows

Friday and Saturday,

Aug 23 and 24

(Maximum of 3 entries per participant)

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There will be no premiums paid for projects or livestock entries. 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 give the 4-H youth of Illinois another opportunity to show their skills and knowledge. At the 2024 DuQuoin State Fair, Illinois Extension will sponsor a General Projects Show and Livestock Show. There will be no premiums paid for projects or livestock entries. No general project fee \$5 stalling fee per livestock entry A \$10 parking fee is due at the gate on Saturday, August 24.

Disclaimer - Extension staff reserves the right to combine or split classes based on the number of entries and space in the show arena. Please look for and expect class revisions from Extension Staff to be posted/announced in advance of the show.

For more information or to register, go to go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowcase Deadline is August 1.

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Leases on Animals

If you plan to lease an animal be sure to have a written agreement with both parties involved. Also, drop a copy by the Extension office by June 1. Anyone needing a basic lease form may stop at the office to receive one or look on the website!

Off Premise Forms

Off Premise forms are due to the office by June 1, 2024. You only need one of these if you have animals and they are not located on your own property. Stop in the office to pickup a form or go to the Extension website under Edwards Co. forms. Thanks!

Congratulations to all of our 4-H 8th Grade & Senior Graduates!



Dog Obedience Classes

Dog obedience classes are starting. They are being held on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H arena.

State Fair Jr Shows

Be sure to read complete rules and regulations for State Fair Jr. entries. The 2024 Illinois State Fair Premium Book is posted to the State Fair website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx>

Again this year Jr. Show Entries for the 2024 Illinois State Fair may be sent directly to the Entry Department by the Exhibitor. Again this year a signature is required to verify your 4-H status. Stop by the Extension office to have your entry form signed before you mail it. Entries must be postmarked by July 1.

QAEC Still Needed

We still have a few that must complete the QAEC by the deadline of June 1st! This is an absolute date and it is your responsibility to do this. This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals and poster exhibits. It is a one time certification! Training is at:

<https://4h.zsuite.org>

Project Grant Winners

If you were a project grant winner, please send a picture of yourself and what you purchased to Edwards County Farm Bureau. The pictures can be emailed to Rebecca Perry at mangerecfb@gmail.com

YQCA Certification

If you haven't completed YQCA and you want an instructor led training call the office @ 618-445-2934. Deadline is June 1!

Goal Sheets/Livestock Records

You should have or will receive, goal sheets and livestock records, at your club meeting. You can, also, find them on the Edwards Co. Extension website, ZSuite website or stop by the office.

If members and families have questions about goal sheets or livestock records, be sure to call the office or ask your leader for help. Goal sheets will need to be completed and brought to the shows with your project. Livestock records will need to be completed and turned in at Fair Clean-up.

4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Certification Trainings in 2024

Mark your calendars for our Shooting Sports Leader training sessions! [Learn more about the program here](#). You don't have to be an expert marksman to be an expert leader!

-May 11: **4-H Leader Shooting Sports leader certification** for all disciplines at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL. Contact your local county office or Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for details. Registration deadline is May 4.

-July 27 at Rend Lake Shooting Complex in Whittington - Disciplines offered: Shotgun, Rifle; Pistol; Archery; Coordinator

If interested in registering, contact your local University of Illinois Extension office to get signed up. These dates are 9-hour "field days" which teach range management. An additional 3 hour online 4-H training will complete the certification process. Registration will be open continuously until July 20. Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair in the Illinois 4-H State Office at sinclair@illinois.edu.

Little Roots Gardening

Little Roots Gardening will be starting soon. Participants will be receiving radish, pumpkin, sunflower, zinnia and basil seeds. They will also be receiving a tomato and pepper plant to transplant. Be watching Edwards County Facebook this spring and summer to watch the progression of their garden

Go fish! The 2024 Illinois 4-H Hooks Us Together Fishing Tournament is on now through June!

Prizes Sponsored By: Steve Moffitt, 4-H Fish Camp All-Star Volunteer

Eligibility and Rules: Open to all 4-H members from Illinois, but to win prizes these requirements must be met:

1. Must be a current year Illinois 4-H member and enrolled in a 4-H Sport Fishing Project.

2. All [Illinois Department of Natural Resources fishing regulations](#) must be followed

You will need a smart phone to take a picture of your catch using this link go.illinois.edu/fish4H. In the picture, you must clearly show the length of the fish in inches (take a picture of the fish with a tape measure for proof).

Gift certificate prizes will be awarded for the longest fish each month! The dates are as follows:

- May 1 – 31, Largemouth Bass
- June 1-30, Channel Catfish



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!
Edwards County 4-H