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## June

- 1 4-H Project Registration Deadline Absolute Deadline!
- 1 QAEC Deadline!!! Do Before this Date!
- 1 YQCA Deadline!
- 1 Leases Due/Off Premise Forms Due
- 3 Dog Meeting at arena 6:00 p.m.
- 10 Dog Meeting at arena 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Bone Gap Cardinals Meeting Christian Church 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Dog Meeting at arena 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Blue Ribbon Meeting COUNTRY Financial Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Yankees Meeting Moravian Church 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Extension office closed for Juneteenth Holiday
- 23 Poultry testing at arena 2:00 p.m. Letter will be mailed.
- 24 Food & Clothing Show at COUNTRY Financial Hall Reg.5:00 pm  
Judging 5:30 p.m.
- 26 Ellery Panthers at 6:00 p.m. at Little Prairie Christian Church

## July

- 1 State Fair Junior Livestock Entry Deadline
- 1 Dog Meeting at arena 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Office Closed for 4th of July Holiday
- 8 Dog Meeting at arena 6:00 p.m.
- 12 Early registration for General Project Show 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- 13 General Project 4-H Show at COUNTRY Financial Hall  
Registration starts 7:30 a.m. w/judging to start at 8:00 a.m.
- 15 Dog Meeting at arena 6:00 p.m.

## ATTENTION!

Please be aware of the details that need to accompany many of your projects. Use the 4-H Project and Activity Handbook as a guide.

**I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING**

## 4-H Project Registration Deadline is June 1, 2024

Everyone should have received the Online 2024 Edwards Co. Fair Registration packet in the mail. Please follow these guidelines and register as soon as possible online. Everyone needs to be registered by the June 1 deadline in order to show at the Edwards Co. Fair! This is your responsibility, please take time and do it today!

## Food & Clothing Show

The Food & Clothing Show is scheduled for June 24, 2024 at COUNTRY Financial Hall. Clothing 5:00 p.m. register, Judging 5:30 p.m./ Food 5:00 p.m. register, Judging 5:30 p.m.

**All Shows are open to the public so please bring your family and friends!**

## Dog Obedience Classes

Classes are being held each Monday evening in the 4-H arena. Anyone with any questions please contact Jo Rector or call the office. See front page for dates and times.

## First Time 4-H Members

Are you new to 4-H? If you are a first time member and having problems following requirements in the show book, be sure to ask your leader or call the office. It is better to do things correctly ahead of time than to try to change paperwork on show day. We are here to help you!! Also, be sure to bring your goal sheets to the food/clothing, and general shows and your live-stock records to clean-up to be checked.

## Health Papers

Health papers will need to be brought to registration. Dr. St. Ledger will need to see them, in order, to show your animal(s).

## Horse Show

Once again ALL 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted horse helmet whenever mounted or driving at all 4-H horse & pony events, shows, activities, or practices. Helmet policies apply to all county, area, and state 4-H horse and pony events. If you are mounted on a horse you must have a helmet on.

## Vet Checks

If you do your vet checks as a group (exp. your whole club on the same day) it will cut down on the costs. A reminder steers will need health papers this year!

## State Fair Website

A website is available for you to get a bit of information for State Fair. The site is as follows: <http://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx> Exhibit guidelines, complete show schedules, maps and more! Don't forget to have your State Fair Jr. Entries postmarked by July 1 and also remember to get them signed at the Extension Office!

## REMINDER

In order, to show, at the Edwards County Fair, requirements must have been met. All members have to do a speech, demonstration and special. Also, 2/3 of meetings must have been attended, unless college student.

## Project & Activity Books

Everyone should have received their book from their leader by now. Please take time to look up your project, verify you are on the right track for the upcoming shows. Be sure to read over the rules also enclosed in the book. You will see a lot of changes in various project areas. Be sure to look over the requirements that are listed.

**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 re-peat 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.



🍀 You could be the next 4-H Ambassador in your county! 🍀

Throughout the year duties will include:

- Attending unit training
- Assist with 4-H shows & awards
- Promoting 4-H in county
- And so much more!

Contact the Edwards County Extension office for an application today!

## Flag Raising

Flag Raising will be held on July 28. We will raise the flag in front of the 4-H arena at 7:00. Please be there and ready by 6:45. All Edwards County 4-H members are encouraged to attend. Please wear your club T-shirts. If you are in Sr. Federation and you have a new Federation shirt wear it.

## Note to Leaders

Livestock judging participants and teams are due at the Fairground Clean-up on July 18 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please give the names of all the participants from your club for livestock judging teams, by this date. Also, you will receive your 4-H year end finish up packet. Be sure to look for the Club/Group Reports deadline!

## Youth Auction

The Youth Auction is Thursday, August 1 starting at 9:00 a.m. The Edwards Co. Fair Board is the sponsor of the auction. Small animals will be sold first followed by goats, sheep, beef, and barrows. This is the same as it has been for many years!

## Cooking Project Members!

A reminder that members with cooking projects **DO NOT** have to complete the display for the local show. If you are selected as a State Fair delegate you will have to complete this as part of your project for state judging.

## Dogs/Small Animals??

Do you have your rabies and vaccinations current?

**ALL COUNTY 4-H SHOWS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SO BE SURE TO INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO THE 2024 FAIR!!**

## 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.

## Off-Premise Forms

If you are housing livestock off of your own premises, remember you must fill out an off-premise form and turn it in to the Extension office by June 1. You can find this form on our website or contact the office.

## All Livestock Exhibitors Take Note! Youth Auction

Any 4-H member with an auction animal, **MUST** sign up to be included in the auction by NOON on July 31. A sign up sheet will be posted at the 4-H barn. Simply list your name, what species you plan to sell, and any tag information and or weight. **Be Sure to fill in ALL Information**, This is the responsibility of the 4-H member. Again, the fair association will be in charge of the youth auction.

## Fairground Clean-Up Stall Order

1. Yankees
2. Bone Gap Cardinals
3. Ellery Panthers
4. Little Wabash Ramblers
5. Blue Ribbon

Specie Superintendents will be helping with pen picking this year!

## Holiday Office Closures

The Extension office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th and Thursday, July 4th. We will be back in the offices the following day for each of the holidays.

## Auction Fee

The auction fee is \$5.00 this year. This fee needs to be paid at registration or during the rabbit show.

## General Project Show

Members will receive information when they need to be at COUNTRY Financial Hall to present their project to the judges, after Fair Entry closes. We are showing by clubs this year. Be watching email, Facebook and your mail for information on times!

## Class Order for Livestock, Poultry & Rabbits

We are following the class order as they are printed in the 4-H Project and Activity Handbook. There will be pages posted in the barns and extra available if you want one of your own.

## Master Showmanship

The rules have been slightly changed this year. If a member qualifies in more than one specie the member must represent the species they are exhibiting the largest number of entries in, assuming they want to move up to the Master Showmanship competition.

Participants will be responsible for selecting their own animals. If assistance is needed by an individual in getting a specific specie(s), the Chairperson of each specie will be available for assistance.

The winner will be representing Edwards Co. 4-H in August at the Illinois State Fair!



## JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!

Search "Edwards County 4-H" and be sure to LIKE the page!

### July Continued...

- 16 Blue Ribbon Mtg. 6:30 p.m. at COUNTRY Financial Hall
- 17 Yankee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
- 18 Fairground Cleanup 6:00-7:30 p.m. (Turn in records by 7:00 p.m.)
- 22 Dog Meeting 4-H arena 6:00 p.m.
- TBA Little Wabash Ramblers



### August

- 1 Entries due for State Dog Show at Extension office by 4:30 p.m.  
Entry Fee \$5.00
- 1 Deadline to register for Regional Showcase. [go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowcase](http://go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowcase)
- 11 Edwards Co. Exhibit Day/Illinois State Fair
- 17 Regional 4-H Showcase at DuQuoin State Fairgrounds 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
General Projects/Foods
- 23-24 Livestock shows at DuQuoin State Fair Grounds
- 24 State 4-H Dog Show Check In 8:00 -9:00 a.m.