



Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter



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April & May

All club meetings and events have been cancelled in a club setting, until May 31. Social media meetings are acceptable.

April

22 Ellery Panthers: YouTube Channel "Ellery Panthers 4-H Club"

June

1 Deadline to register your projects online for the Fair!
1 QAEC Deadline
1 Lease Papers Due
1 Off Premise Forms Due
1 YQCA Deadline

Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 19 – 25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19 – 25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

In Edwards County, there are numerous volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs.



I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

**ALL EVENTS CANCELLATION NOTICE:
EDWARDS, LAWRENCE, RICHLAND, WABASH & WAYNE COUNTIES**

The impact of the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) continues to create uncertainty and concern both globally and here in our community. Following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, the University of Illinois has implemented social-distancing protocols that impact all university events. Illinois Extension, as the outreach program of the university, aligns with all policies related to public health and safety.

Effective immediately, ALL face-to-face events organized by Illinois Extension have been cancelled, suspended, or transitioned to online delivery. This will apply to all events previously scheduled through May 31, 2020. Look for specific information about cancellations or postponements on our website at go.illinois.edu/elrww. In some cases, in-person events are being replaced with webinars or online meetings, or with digital resources you can review at your convenience.

These plans may change based on guidance and direction provided by the local public health department. If you have any questions about events, please contact us via email at uie-elrww@illinois.edu.

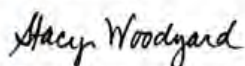
For 4-H specifically, we want to reinforce this means all 4-H club meetings are cancelled through May 31, 2020. We are committed to supporting you in your continued 4-H project experience at home. Right now, we are preparing a series of statewide 4-H Online engagement opportunities through our Facebook page (Illinois 4-H). Please check there for regular updates as additional resources are identified.

We know you may also have questions about summer events. We will be actively monitoring the situation and providing updates as they are available. We know that you have put a lot of work into your 4-H projects. Be assured that we are exploring all possibilities for providing continued judging, exhibit, and showcase opportunities.

A collection of resources to assist families and community leaders preparing for and coping with COVID-19 is available online at www.go.illinois.edu/ExtensionCOVID19.

We are working to support all Illinois families at this time. We appreciate your support and understanding as we navigate this situation.

Sincerely,



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Illinois Extension Interim Director

Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash & Wayne Counties

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2020 Edwards County Farm Bureau Women's Committee 4-H Grant Winners

Aleya Bare
Jake Wiseman
Chloe Iles
Braden Childers
Lillian Bare
Kenleigh Garrett
Hezekiah Hawkins
Elaina Kearbey

Hayley Perry
JW Simms-Reisner
Cody Greathouse
Cooper Lynch
Grace Glover
Sydney Williams
Wyatt Greathouse
Xander Hawkins

Brook Greathouse
Hallie Shelton
Faith Hawkins
Owen Lynch
Drew Roosevelt
Andrew Glover
Wade Wiseman



Be a true leader in service

April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

I PLEDGE... MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE



Thank You Volunteers and Edward County Farm Bureau Young Farmers for Making the Meal Packaging Event Successful!



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I PLEDGE ... MY HEALTH FOR BETTER LIVING



All Fair Entries will be done On-Line Again This Year

4-H Fair entries will be done online by the 4-H Families.

Starting May 1st you can go online to:

<http://edwards4-hfair.fairentry.com>

All entries must be complete by June 1st. All 4-H members will receive a cheat sheet in the mail soon!



2020 4-H PROJECT AND ACTIVITY HANDBOOK AND ALL FORMS AVAILABLE ON THE EXTENSION WEBSITE

As you prepare your projects for the fair, you are able to go to the Extension website for everything you need for the **2020 Edwards County 4-H Fair!** The website address is <http://extension.illinois.edu/elrww>. If you need help accessing something, please, email: djc@illinois.edu, whatever you need, will be sent to you! Please, follow guidelines in handbook to complete your projects!

YQCA CERTIFICATION

Information has been sent out for the individuals that still need to complete YQCA certification. A reduced fee, has been implemented during the month of April. All individuals showing Cattle, Swine, Sheep or Goats have to complete this, in order to show at the 2020 Edwards County 4-H fair.



Illini Summer Academies Registration is postponed due to COVID-19. Unfortunately, we do not know when registration will open.



Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM.** (new release time)
- The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.
- **New projects** at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports
- The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.
- **Ewe lambs** are now eligible for the premier show.
- **Steers** advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29.**
- The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **junior rabbit show** begins August 17.
- Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

Edwards County exhibit day is Sunday, August 16.



How strong is your 4-H family spirit?

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs.

On-line applications are available at: 4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award. Nominations are due May 1.



This event has been cancelled. You will receive a refund if you had already purchased tickets.

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 by emailing djc@illinois.edu. This rule applies to animals that are even on grandparents property! If it is not legally your property, you need to have an off premise form.

Local County Fair Dates

Richland -July 4-11th

Wayne - July 18-24th

Wabash - July 18-25th

Edwards - July 22-August 1st

Lawrence - July 24-30th

Local and State Equine Show

ALL youth that are mounted on a horse must be wearing a helmet. This is for your safety and we are required to go by this State rule.

Be sure to also have your coggins testing up to date for the county show. These papers are checked the day of the show. Thanks!

State Fair

- **YQCA** is mandatory for livestock projects.
- **Jr. Show entries** will need to be signed by County Extension Staff before the exhibitor mails entry forms to State Fair Entry Office.
- **Horses**-Ownership, Lease papers, & pictures are due to the State by June 20, 2020. **The County office needs this information by June 1!!** July 1 for all other livestock.

More State Fair...Important!

Registration papers (pedigrees) will be required in all purebred classes. Registration papers must show ownership of the animals in the name of the exhibitor or ownership by immediate family members including the exhibitor. Certificates from breed association representatives will not be accepted in lieu of registration papers. The entry form itself still has to be in the individual exhibitors name.

Congratulations Ellery Panthers

The Ellery Panthers received a Community Service Grant from Farm Credit for \$500!



Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs, cats & all other small animals. **MUST** complete online QAEC to show at Fair. **This rule applies to 4-H Members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.** This is a one time certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. **All members needing to take QAEC have been sent a notice in the mail and your leader has been notified.**

This is your responsibility to complete.

The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1.

You can find the online training at:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec>

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records.

If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension Office.

Animal Livestock Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

All market barrows, goats, wethers and ewe lambs must be in member's possession at least 60 days prior to show. Market goats will need to be between 4-8 months old at the time of the show. Gilts and all swine breeding stock and beef or dairy yearling heifers must be in the member's possession by April 1. Bucket Calves must be born between February 1 and April 1. They must be in member's possession within 2 weeks of birth and must be at least 90 days old when shown. Steers must be in members possession by January 1.

These rules are on page 3 rule # 6 of Project & Activity Book.

If you haven't received book from leader go the Extension Website:

<http://extension.illinois.edu/elrww>

Lamb & Goat-Illinois State Fair

Tattoo & Weigh-In Locations-

This is being put off until a later date.



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!

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

Animal Leases

Don't forget!! If you are leasing an animal you need to fill out a lease form and have it turned in to the Extension office by June 1st.

Upcoming Fair Shows and Events

Soon it will be time for fair shows and events. Everyone is welcome to attend the shows and watch all that is happening in the Edwards Co. 4-H program. Help spread the word and bring your family and friends out to the fair this year!

Very Important!

Around the first of May you will receive an envelope in the mail about how to register your 4-H projects online for the upcoming fair events. Be sure you get this done by June 1st to be eligible to show! This is an absolute deadline, no excuses. Also, make sure you have completed the QAEC, and attended 2/3rds of your club meetings. (If you are a college student you are required to attend 3 meetings). If these requirements are not met we will not be able to let you show and participate at the fair. We don't want anyone to miss out, so get your registrations in ASAP!

Coggins Testing/Health Papers

It is standard procedure you must have coggins testing done on your horse prior to the Equine Show on July 24, 2020. Bring your papers with you that day, we will be checking them when you register.

Health Papers for animals-talk with your leader. Many clubs do the testing as a group to cut down on costs. Some prefer to do it on an individual basis. It does not matter how you do it, just make sure you have it done if it is required for your animals. Health Papers will be checked after weigh in.

Health Papers are required for Sheep, Goats, Swine, and all female cattle over 6 months. Coggins are required for horses prior to the horse show and will be checked. No health papers are required for 4-H 1-day poultry shows where the entries are taken to the show and returned home the same day. Rabbits do not require health papers for our fair.

Speech and Demonstration Contest

On Monday, March 9, nine individuals competed in the Speech and Demonstration Contest at the Farm Bureau Meeting Room. Each participant did a great job! Skylar Greathouse and Kamryn Trowbridge were named State Fair Delegates. A BIG Thank You to Lindsay Perry for volunteering her time for the Public Speaking Class!