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April

- 1 YQCA training at Extension office 3:00 p.m.
- 8 Informational mtg. 4-H arena for Dog Obedience 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Speech /Demo Contest 6:00 p.m. Farm Bureau basement
- 13 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. at Christian Church 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Yankees Mtg. 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church West Salem
- 21 Blue Ribbon Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at COUNTRY Financial Hall
- 24 Shooting Sports Mtg./Shoot 8:00 a.m. at the Sportsmen's Club
- 24 Food Decorating Workshop at Extension office 9:00—10:30a.m.
- 27 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Church
- 28 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Little Prairie Church

May

- 1 YQCA certification training at Extension office 9:00 a.m.
- 13 Sr. Federation Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
- 22 Horse Clinic 9:00 a.m.— noon, 4-H horse arena

Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 18 – 24

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 18 – 24. 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



2021 Edwards County Farm Bureau Women's Committee 4-H Grant Winners

JJ Spray
Cody Greathouse
Hayley Perry
Wyatt Greathouse
Chloe Iles

Brook Greathouse
Hannah Perry
Sydney Williams
Hannah Bare
Hallie Shelton



Illinois 4-H Making a Difference

Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!

Registration opens 3/18:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>

April 4-H in a Bag: DIY Birdfeeder deadline to register is Friday, April 2.
Register at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22978>



Registration Open: 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Field Day Trainings



Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)

July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

Contact your local UofI Extension Office for registration information. <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu

March starts Barred Owl nesting season!



Remind your 4-H families to be checking on their nest boxes! Reporting can be made back directly to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

We will be using the NestWatch check data sheet developed by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology https://nestwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DataSheet_20171103.pdf to record our Barred Owl citizen science data.

Little Roots Gardening

Twenty-three Edwards County Tag-A-Longs will be taking part in the Little Roots Gardening program, the program will offer gardening activities to the Tag-A-Longs, increase interest in 4-H gardening project areas and inspire youth to grow their own food and flowers.

Tag-A-Longs be watching for an upcoming workshop!!!

New 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!



To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu to submit a request!

4-H Volunteer Training Opportunity – Thursday, April 22, 2021; 7 PM



Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss! Use this link to find out more about this training and to register:

Registration opens 3/17:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352>

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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!



YQCA CERTIFICATION

If you are enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep and goats this certification is required to show your animals for the 2021 show season. Two dates have been set to complete YQCA training, at the Extension office. First date: Thursday, April 1, 3:00 pm, Second date: Saturday, May 1, 9:00 am. Register at <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>, using <https://v2.4honline.com/> When registering select instructor led, there is a \$3.00 fee, which needs to be paid by credit card. If you have any questions when registering please call the Extension office at 618-445-2934.

Informational Dog Meeting

All members that have enrolled in a dog project will be receiving a postcard, in the mail. An informational meeting will be held Thursday, April 8, 6:30 p.m., at the 4-H arena. Jo Rector will be discussing the rules and best times to meet for classes. Do not bring your dog to this meeting. This is just an informational meeting for members and families.

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM



Use the link below to register (registration opens 3/18):

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Remember – 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug!

2021 IL 4-H Food Action Summit (Virtual)

The Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy Team would like for you to join them for the Food Action Summit on May 15. It is a free virtual event for anyone ages 13 and up. The Food Advocacy Team will be sharing what they are learning about nutrition, food insecurity, food production and much more. Ava Anderson, of the Ellery Panthers is a member of the team. Registration is open and will close on April 16. To register for the Summit go to:

go.illinois.edu/FoodAction2021

Food Decorating Workshop

There is still time to sign up for the Food Decorating workshop. Lynn Hartzell, of Copper Penny Cakes will be instructing. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, from 9:00 –10:30 a.m. , at the Extension office. Register at:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23329>

Horse Clinic

A horse clinic is being offered free at the 4-H horse arena on Saturday, May 22, from 9:00 – noon. Topics to be demonstrated by David Shain and Brooklyn Hazel are Horsemanship and Showmanship. All ages welcome! Register at:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID-23423>

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 3-11th

Wayne - July 10-17th

Edwards - July 21-31st

Wabash - July 24-30th

Lawrence - July 24-29th

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 1, 2021. **The County office needs this information by May 24th!!** 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 by email 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-

Anyone needing information contact the office ASAP for details!



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 23, 2021. 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

The Speech and Demonstration Contest will be held Monday evening April 12, at 6:00, in the Farm Bureau basement. If you are planning on participating call the Extension office, 445-2934, with the type of speech you will be doing, along with the Title. Deadline to register is Friday, April 9, by 4:30.