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ing your access needs.

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.
- 8 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Dog Meeting at arena 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Food & Clothing Show at COUNTRY Financial Hall Reg. 5:00 pm
Judging 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Blue Ribbon Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at 4-H Arena
- 16 Yankee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
- 17 Dog Meeting at arena 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Ellery Panthers Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at LPCC
- 24 Dog Meeting at arena 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Shooting Sports 8:00 a.m. at Sportsmen's Club
- TBA Little Wabash Ramblers Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Church

July

- 1 Dog Meeting at arena 6 p.m.
- 5 Office Closed for 4th of July Holiday
- 8 Dog Meeting at arena 6 p.m.
- 13 General 4-H Show at COUNTRY Financial Hall Reg. 5:30
p.m. Judging at 6:00 p.m.
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- 15 State Fair Junior Livestock Entry Deadline

ATTENTION!

Please be aware of the details that need to ac-
company many of your projects. Use the 4-H Pro-
ject and Activity Handbook as a guide.

I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

4-H Project Registration Deadline is June 1, 2021

Everyone should have received the Online 2021 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 14, 2021 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 Thursday 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.



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.

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>

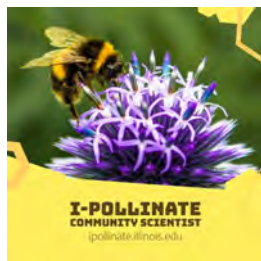
Exhibit guidelines, complete show schedules, maps and more! Don't forget to have your State Fair Jr. Entries postmarked by July 15 and also remember to get them signed at the Extension Office!

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.



Are you ready to catch the buzz? Youth can take the role of citizen scientists through the I-Pollinate program run through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Youth volunteers can join up to three research projects and help collect critical data on monarch butterfly eggs and caterpillars, pollinator visits to ornamental flowers, and statewide bee distribution. Your efforts will help inform conservation plans and how to plant gardens for pollinator habitat!

Ready to learn more? Head here:
<https://ipollinate.illinois.edu/how-to-participate/>



The new Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum, or Special Interest club, takes place over the course of 6 weeks and will focus on aquatic ecosystems, fish biology, and include STEM activities relating to fishing gear. Kids learn and take part in the sport, but they also gain a variety of skills and knowledge as they master fishing.

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



Archery: Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL
Shotgun: Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL
Rifle/Pistol: October dates 2 (Rifle), October 3 (Pistol) Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL
 Contact Curt Sinclair sinclair@illinois.edu with questions.

Shooting Sports/Environment

Illinois Crop Scouting Competition for High School Age Youth



The Illinois Crop Scouting Competition is a one-day contest and will be held at the Crop Sciences Research & Ed. Center in Savoy, IL on August 4, 2021. Student teams of 2-5 high-school-aged youth (grades 9-12) with an adult coach will rotate through 10 outdoor stations at the University of Illinois South Farm fields to test their skills hands-on with topics such as identifying weeds, insects, and diseases, identifying the growth stages of corn and soybean plants, assessing abiotic injury, pesticide application, and integrated pest management. Event details can be found at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/illinois-crop-scouting-competition>



Calling all youth photographers! The Capture What's Great in Midwest States 4-H Photography Challenge is all about exploring what makes your town, county, state or the Midwest great! Submissions due June 30. Learn more: z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-challenge



What do you think would happen if the toy company Schleich got together with 4-H to create the most fantastic animal tale of all time? Find out with the "Create Your Story" contest, launching NOW! Join in the fun by creating a story only YOU can imagine. The top 10 stories will go to a vote and the top two will be part of an interactive "create your own adventure" video premiering this fall! Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/3taqrEV>

Flag Raising

Flag Raising will be held on July 25. We will raise the flag in front of the 4-H arena at 6:30. Please be there and ready by 6:15 . 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 15 from 6:30-8:00 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, July 29 starting at 9:30 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!

Concession Stand

We have received word that a concession stand will be in the 4-H barn area. It will be there from Monday – Thursday. The stand will have sno-cones, sandwiches, etc.

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 2021 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 a market animal **MUST** sign up to be included in the auction by **NOON** on July 28. 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. Little Wabash Ramblers
2. Blue Ribbon
3. Yankees
4. Bone Gap Cardinals
5. Ellery Panthers



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Office Closed for July 4th Holiday

The Extension office will be Closed on Monday, July 5, 2021. Take this time to enjoy the 4th of July Holiday and spend time with your family and friends.

Blue Ribbon Club Meeting/Bleacher Painting

Blue Ribbon Club will be painting bleachers at the 4-H arena, on June 16, at 6:00 p.m. They are inviting other clubs members to come help paint. This project is needed to help keep up our showing areas.



Only a few days Left to do QAEC

A few members are needing to complete their QAEC requirement. Remember if this is not taken care of by June 1, 2021 you will be removed from your livestock projects and will be unable to show at the Fairs. Please do this BEFORE the deadline so no one will be removed from the enrolled projects. Simply go to the following site if you are enrolled Horse/Pony, Poultry, Rabbit, Dogs or Small Animals:
<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

It takes approximately 30 minutes to complete! If you do not have access to a computer call the Extension office and make an appointment to complete the certification.

VERY IMPORTANT: Be sure to go beyond the certificate printing and pick a specie. Only one specie needs to be completed in order to be complete! This **MUST** show Complete on our data base in order to be complete. It would be a great idea to call the office and verify that you are complete!!



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!

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

July Continued...

- 15 Fairground Cleanup 6:30-8:00 p.m.
(Turn in records by 7p.m.)
- 21 Blue Ribbon Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at COUNTRY Financial Hall
- 21 Yankee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
- 21 Ellery Panthers Livestock Tour meet at 4:00 p.m. on the square
- 24 Shooting Sports Mtg./Shoot 8:00 a.m. Sportsmen's Club
- TBA Little Wabash Ramblers



August

- 1 Entries due for State Dog Show
- 15 Edwards Co. Exhibit Day/Illinois State Fair
- 18 Blue Ribbon Meeting 6:00 p.m. at COUNTRY Financial Hall
- 18 Yankee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
- 25 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. LPCC
- 28 Shooting Sports Mtg./Shoot 8:00 a.m. at Sportsmen's Club
- TBA Little Wabash Ramblers

2021 Edwards County 4-H Fair Schedule

Monday, June 14...**Clothing Show** (COUNTRY Financial Hall) registration
5:00 p.m./judging at 5:30 p.m.

Food Show (COUNTRY Financial Hall) registration
5:00 p.m./judging at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 13 ...**General Show** (COUNTRY Financial Hall) registration and viewing
5:30 p.m./judging starts 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 15 ...**Fair Clean Up** 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m..
(turn in records by 7 p.m.)

(4-H Leaders need to turn in Livestock Judging Teams at Fair Clean Up.)

All livestock projects including small animal projects must be registered at Fairgrounds Clean Up.

Tuesday, July 20 ...**Dog Show** 6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 23 ...**Equine Show** 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 24 ...**Fair Parade** 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 25 ...**Rabbit Show** 2:00 p.m. **Small Animal Show** 2:00 p.m.
Flag Raising 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 26 ...**Weigh-in** 6:00 a.m.
(Edwards County Farm Bureau will furnish snacks.)
Livestock Registration 7:00—8:00 a.m.
Livestock Judging Mini Session 8:45 a.m.
Livestock Judging Contest 9:00 a.m.
Sheep Show 1:00 p.m.
Poultry Show 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 27 ... **Swine Show** 8:00 a.m.
Goat Show 1:00 p.m.
Bucket Calf Interviews 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 28 ...**Bucket Calf Show** 8:00 a.m.
Beef Show 8:30 a.m.
Tractor Rodeo 1:00 p.m.
Master Showmanship 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 29 ...**Youth Auction** 9:30 a.m.
Buyers' Meal 12:00 p.m.