



# Illinois Extension

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



## 4-H Newsletter April 2021

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#### **RICHLAND COUNTY**

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Monday-Friday  
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### Richland County



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### Calendar of events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

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| <b>April</b> | 1    | Office will be open for Appointments<br>Can pick up swine tags<br>Horse Ownership/Lease papers due<br>Market Swine Identification paper due |
|              | 10   | Public Presentations contest 6pm  |
|              | 12   | Office will be open to Public!  |
| <b>June</b>  | 1    | QAEC training due   |
|              | 25   | Dog Show 9am<br>Cat Show 2pm  |
| <b>July</b>  | 3-10 | Richland County Fair  |

### Update on Jessica!

Jessica would like to introduce everyone to Emerson LeRoy Ochs! He was born on March 24 at 12:39 pm! He weighed 6lb 7oz and 19in long! Everyone is doing great and Trevor and Jessica are so in love with him! Jessica will be out on maternity leave until the end of June if you need anything please feel free to reach out to Sheri!



# Richland County 4-H



## Richland County 2021 TENTATIVE

### 4-H General Project Judging Schedule

Monday, May 10, 2021

6:00 PM	Public Presentations – Extension Office, 306 S Fair St, Olney
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Friday, June 25, 2021

9:00 AM	Dog Show – Livestock Barns, RC Fairgrounds, Olney City Park
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Friday, June 25, 2021

2:00 PM	Cat Show—Extension Office, 306 S Fair Olney, IL
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Wednesday, June 30, 2021

6:00 PM	Building/Barns Set Up — Olney City Park
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Friday, July 2, 2021 - Home Ec/ General Project Show

1:00 PM	Registration/Sign In Starts — Community Building, Olney City Park
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2:30 PM Judging Begins	<i>ALL GENERAL/ HOME EC PROJECTS!!!!</i>
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Friday, July 9, 2021

11AM-1:00 PM	Pick up exhibits in Community Building. Premium checks will be mailed out later when all funding is designated.
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YQCA training is a required course that must be completed to be able to show at the Richland County 4-H show for beef, dairy, goat, sheep, and swine. Since I will be on maternity leave Jamie Vandyke is going to do the in person training this year and will be held in his classroom at the High School. If you can not attend one of the trainings you will then complete it online. The in person training will cost \$3.00 and online will cost \$12.00 you must sign up prior to the day of the training to be able to attend the training. There is only 24 available spots/ session. Below are the links to that specific date of training.

<https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Training/Search>

Look for the Richland County High School Agriculture Department

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – this training will be done during the Builders of the Future club meeting! This is only for those club members.
- April 10<sup>th</sup>
- April 24<sup>th</sup>
- May 1<sup>st</sup>
- May 8<sup>th</sup>

\*\* Mask and Social Distancing is required!

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Jamie ([jvandyke@rcu1.net](mailto:jvandyke@rcu1.net))

# Richland County 4-H

July 2 -10, 2021

## 4-H Livestock Show Schedule – TENTATIVE Richland County

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, July 4	9:00 AM	4-H Horse Show	Olney City Park Fairgrounds
	6:00 PM	Swine Weigh-In	
Monday, July 5	12 Noon	All Livestock exhibits must be in place	Olney City Park Fairgrounds
	AM	Weighing of Animals (except swine)	
Tuesday, July 6	8:00 AM	Swine Show	Olney City Park Fairgrounds
	8:30 AM	Poultry Show	
	9:00 AM	Dairy Show	
	3:00 PM	Sheep Show	
Wednesday, July 7	8:00 AM	Bucket Calf Interviews (Beef Showring)	Olney City Park Fairgrounds
	8:30	Beef Market Show	
	9:00 AM	Beef Breeding Show	
	10:00 AM	Bucket Calf Show	
	8:30 AM	Rabbit Show	
	1:00 PM	Goat Show: Milking, Meat, Novelty	
Thursday, July 8	8:30 AM	Overall Showmanship Contest	Beef Barn Show Ring Olney City Park Fairgrounds
	3:00 PM	Youth Auction	Olney City Park Fairgrounds
Friday, July 9	9:00 AM	Tractor Driving Contest	Olney City Park Fairgrounds
Saturday, July 10	8:00 AM	Clean-Up	Olney City Park Fairgrounds

## Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

**January 1, 2021:** Market Steers & Heifers, Dairy cows, Milking goat

**April 1, 2021:** Market (meat) & Novelty Goats, Swine, Breeding Heifers, Horses

**May 1, 2021:** Bucket Calf

**May 15, 2021:** Market lambs, Breeding sheep

**June 1, 2021:** Dogs, rabbits, poultry, pygmy goats

**The above dates are when all 4-H'ers with these projects**

**must have the animals in their possession.**

## STEM



Use robotics to tell your story in the 2021 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Challenge!

This year's team-based challenge will be virtual, and each submission will be evaluated on Story, Table Performance, and Technical/Design during summer judging sessions with winners announced at a Virtual Awards Ceremony on July 2nd.

Register now through April 30: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2021>

For details about the challenge, and other FAQs head here: <https://go.illinois.edu/2021CHALLENGE>



## 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](mailto: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](https://wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DataSheet_20171103.pdf)

to record our Barred Owl citizen science data.

## Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in beef, dairy, goats, horses, poultry, swine, sheep, rabbits, dogs & cats **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. **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.

## 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>

## 4-H International

### Host an international student:

Host a Japanese youth this summer through States' 4-H International!



Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too!

SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made

**Apply Today** <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

## If you are Showing Swine.....

All 4-H'ers enrolled in Swine that are showing a Market Hog at Fair **MUST** have an Extension issued Ear Tag that can be picked up at the Extension Office. You can tag up to 5 Market Hogs but are only allowed to show 1 in the Market and Purebred Barrow class. You're Market and Purebred hog **MUST** have an Extension issued tag in its ear to show at Fair. Please have paperwork back to the Extension office by May 1st. You can pick up the tags starting April 1st!



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## As a Reminder!

If your animals are not housed at your place of residence please make sure that you get a Off Premise Form filled out! You can turn this into your leader, mail them to the office or bring them by.



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