



Greetings 4-H families,

I have had many questions recently about whether or not there will be a fair. *Golly, I sure hope so!* As many of you, I had really just expected we would be back to normal by August. I kept thinking, “We have time, let’s wait and see what happens.” Then I began to see a lot of social media posts from 4-H Educators & Coordinators across the country being asked the same questions about fair. Along with schools, towns and cities, summer concerts and festivals, we just have no way of knowing what is going to happen in the future. We are waiting, watching and wondering right along with you.

So when I hear questions like; “*Should I bother doing my 4-H project?*” “*Should I get my livestock animals?*” The truth is that is a family decision. My family, along with many of yours, may need to consider a contingency plan for an outlet for our market livestock animals. (*Again, I sure hope not... Also, you should ALWAYS have a contingency plan any year.*)

I’d like you to keep some things in mind while you are determining the answer to the previous questions... The word “Project” means all the things you learn throughout the 4-H year. Your 4-H “project” consist of doing lessons from your project book, trying different recipes, experiments, hiking, biking or feeding and caring for your animal. Those are all the things you *do* while *working* on your “project”. What you bring to the fair, like your plate of cookies, project board, artwork or animal, is what you have chosen as your project “show” item.

So if you are unsure if you should do your 4-H project(s), ask yourself; Why are you in 4-H? What do you hope to gain from your 4-H experience? What can you learn that will help you grow in mind, body and spirit?

I understand that, YES, the Fair is absolutely, without a doubt, 99% of people’s favorite thing about 4-H. As we have seen in-school attendance, graduation ceremonies, proms, sporting events and performances all canceled, we simply cannot guarantee there will be a fair as we know it this year. In fact, no one can guarantee any event will happen this year. BUT... we will do our best to help you be successful because.... 4-H is *more* than just the fair.

4-H is:

- Learning by doing.
- Learning new skills and gaining knowledge.
- Learning to set goals and gaining leadership skills.
- Learning to develop a sense of belonging, mastery, independence and generosity.
- Learning to work hard and work with your hands.
- Learning about the arts, cooking, health, technology, environment and natural resources.
- Learning about civic engagement, finance, Intercultural studies, entrepreneurship.
- Learning about agriculture and food production.
- Learning how to care for your animals and develop a bond, you will not forget and can never replace.
- Learning resilience, determination and never giving up hope.
- And the best thing about 4-H is... Learning to cherish the time spent and lesson learned with your family.

These are all the things I can guarantee you will gain if you do your 4-H project whether there is a “fair” or not. I can also guarantee you that we are working diligently to find creative, alternative ways for you to “show” what you have learned during your 4-H experience *if* we have to, even if it may not look the same as it has in years past. However, I cannot, guarantee you a state fair ribbon or a plaque; I cannot guarantee you a grand champion animal; and I cannot guarantee you will earn a big auction check. I can guarantee you that as 4-Hers, we are all in this together and your 4-H family will not let you down!

Sincerest wishes for your family to remain healthy, and that 4-H, and all other activities resume soon,
Michele Aavang
4-H Program Coordinator

SEE EVENT CANCELLATIONS BELOW:

- April 8 – Lake & McHenry Meet & Greet - ZOOM
- April 14/15 – Dog classes begin –*postponed*
- April 15 – Dog Registration DEADLINE *changed*
- April 15 – Shooting Sports Reg. DEADLINE *changed*
- April 18 – Robotics Showcase *canceled*
- **April 18 – MC4-HY Foundation Annual String Tie-*postponed* – See Foundation statement below**
- **April 23 – Leaders fair info meeting - ZOOM**
- April 25 – Small Pet & Reptile Clinic - *postponed*
- April 27 – Federation meeting - ZOOM
- **April 30 - Last day to enter projects in 4HOnline to be eligible to show at fair – *Date changed***
- **May 1 – Fair entry opens**
- May 9 – Sheep Weigh-in - *postponed*
- May 9 – Cooking 101 SPIN Club begins - *postponed*
- May 12-14 – Shooting Sports Archery & Air rifle *postponed*

All further event/activities are TBD in 2-3 weeks

- **May 23 – Community Builders/MCFB Blood Drive**
- June 3 – Shooting Sports shot gun begins
- July 11 – Dog Fun show, Computer Tech judging
- July 18 - Dog show
- July 24, 25 – Sewing, General project judging
- Aug 3 – Foods, Horticulture, Food decorating
- Aug 4-9 – McHenry County Fair

Please be sure to check the website for more information: <https://extension.illinois.edu/lm/4-h-mchenry-county>

Follow us on **Instagram:**

https://www.instagram.com/mchenry_county_4h/

Follow us on **Facebook @4HMcHenryCounty**

(Get the latest, most up-to-date information from McHenry County 4-H by changing your Facebook settings to receive no more than 5 posts a day.)

See the **Illinois 4-H** website for more information:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/>

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“Hands to Larger Service”

This month on our **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages, we will be featuring 4-H Alumni, family members, volunteers and current 4-H members that are embracing the call to serve our community. Please send us your photos (*in action preferably*) with a short caption including information about how this person is giving their “Hands to Larger Service”. Include name of club/s, years in 4-H or current 4-H member connection (*daughter, nephew, grandchild*), and how this person is an essential worker (*Ex. Nurses, Doctors, First Responders, medical support, military, teachers, waste management, food/grocery service, postal workers, farmers, plumbers, construction,...*) We will also include pictures of you doing community service projects from home! Email Michele for details, maavang@illinois.edu. **See the latest social media features further in the newsletter.**

Dog and Shooting Sports registration due **April 15**. More information can be found further in the newsletter. Please send in any paperwork by email to maavang@illinois.edu or by mail to **University of Illinois Extension, P.O. box 1430, Woodstock, IL 60098**. All paperwork will be processed when we return to the office. If you would like to pay by credit card, use the links further in this newsletter. If for some reason we can not continue with the programs, refunds will be issued.

Shooting Sports link has been fixed!!!

4-H Club meetings – Virtual meetings are

HAPPENING! Contact me if you would like me to set up a ZOOM meeting using the University account to add some extra security for your club meeting. I am happy to “pop-in” to answer any questions or concerns you might have before handing the additional “Host” option benefits through the university’s paid subscription. I want to say a “Thank you” to **Woodstock Wannabes** for letting me stip by your meeting! I hope I was able to answer some of your questions. I was so nice to see your bright and smiling faces!

Please contact your leader to see if this might be an option for your upcoming April meeting.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/> or **Skype:**

<https://www.skype.com/en/>

4H Online enrollment deadline extended to April 30, 2020.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, you now have until April 30 to add or drop any projects from your 4H Online account. Please make sure all information is up to date before Fair Entry opens on May 1.

2020 4-H Fairbook now on the website:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2020_mc4h_fairbook_3.27.2020_icons.pdf

Please see Fairbook posted on the website for more information about individual fair projects. Although the Fair book has tentatively been approved by the state office, it is still being edited for changes. **ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19.**

**Disclaimer- Please continue to check the website for the latest version of the 2020 4-H Fair book as updates will be made to certain sections. Any changes or errors in the rules and regulations will be posted online and will be the FINAL AUTHORITY. Therefore, any errors in this program book will not excuse failure to comply with current rules and regulations.*

Looking for Project resources:

If you have project resource books, now would be a great time to use them! Read through them, find some great ideas for projects, answer questions or puzzles, do experiments, try out recipes or creations and much more. If you do not already have manual(s), you may be able to find some of them online.

Check out the **Project selection guide** to find a link or the title of the project book:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2019-20_project_selection_reference_price_guide_updated_december_2019.pdf

You may also purchase resources from **Shop 4-H Mall**: <https://shop4-h.org/>. They are running a sale up to 25% off through the month of April for your project needs!

We are working to put more resources together for you. Here are just a few to get you started...

Iowa 4-H Project Hot Sheets: 2-page pdf for just about every project you can download.

- **Hint:** Illinois 4-H may be going to something like this soon! Let me know if you like them...

- <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Topic/4-H-Youth-Development/Project-Hot-Sheets?S=0&A=0&F=0>

Oregon 4-H videos:

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KIS0TMhFgWmf74sgDzgNg>

Extension Horses - Free online courses through mid-April: <https://www.extensionhorses.org/>

Vet School 101:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3GJQyrRPG8>

Sewing: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLO-TOuC-MO2RqNVK5AhGVwXZuNb1TwDLd>

YQCA - In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the YQCA Board is announcing a **25% flash sale** on the web based certification. Here is how to take advantage of this opportunity.

1. Only offered during the month of **April** (April 1 – April 30), YQCA will be offering a 25% discount on web-based trainings, making them **\$9**.
2. Those wishing to take part in the flash sale will need to purchase \$9 web-based training coupons from YQCA. Coupon order forms may be obtained by emailing sales@yqca.org. **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED PRICE.**
3. Once the order form and proof of payment is received, coupons will be issued and returned to the purchaser within 3-5 business days.
4. Coupons **MUST** be put towards a web-based training in the month of April.

NEW! Unit 3's 4-H Meet & Greet

Hosted by Dr. Michelle Cox

- **WHEN:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020 @ 6-7pm
- **Where:** via ZOOM
- **WHO:** LIMITED to 15 members from each county, 4-H age 13 and up

Join me for Lake and McHenry County's very first 4-H Meet and Greet. The Virtual meeting of the Minds will be hosted on **Wednesday, April 8, 2020** from **6:00-7:00**, via **ZOOM**. There will be fun, laughter and most of all brainstorming on how we can continue to "Make the Best Better". Seating will be limited so confirm your spot NOW.

Sincerely, Dr. Michelle Cox

Register: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2020-04-08-4-h-meet-and-greet>

HORSE SENSE: Horse Bowl & Hippology

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

HORSE SENSE is the study group that gathers to study for Horse Bowl and Hippology.

NEW to 4-H members are welcome to JOIN! **Contact**

Lisa Kunzie for more information:

lisa.kunzie13@gmail.com

“Just Wing It” Pollinators Club:

Both NEW & RETURNING members are welcome. New

to 4-H members should enroll in **4HOnline.com** to

become a member of McHenry County 4-H. Contact

Randy Mead if you are interested in becoming a

member: rmeadtoys@gmail.com

4-H Dog Class registration:

Deadline: April 15, 2020

See the Dog Packet for information on:

Dog show requirements

Dog SPIN Club

Dog Obedience Classes

Dog Showmanship Classes

Clinics

Ethics requirements

ALL youth ages 8-18 as of September 1, 2019 are welcome to join! Contact Dog program coordinator, Lisa Lillie for questions: lapdogs31@gmail.com.

Dog class registration:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21595>

Dog packet with required forms:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/dog_packet_2020.pdf



4-H Shooting Sports

REGISTRATION:

DEADLINE: April 15, 2020

1102 McConnell Rd. Woodstock

Please complete a SEPARATE registration for EACH 4-H

Youth member enrolling in the Shooting Sports

program. Members may register for more than one discipline.

Open to McHenry and Lake County Youth ages 8-18

Air Rifle - ages 8-18

Archery - ages 8-18

Shot Gun - ages 12-18

UPDATED LINK: Shooting Sports class registration and payment: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21603>

Registration form:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2020_shooting_sports_registration_form_mchenry.pdf

Health Form:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/Health%20Emergency%20Medical%20Form.pdf>

Shooting Sports packet:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2020_shooting_sports_handbook.pdf

Ambassador virtual meeting – via ZOOM

Please call or email Michele Aavang for questions.

maavang@illinois.edu

Federation virtual meeting –via ZOOM

Please call or email Michele Aavang for questions.

maavang@illinois.edu



4-H Communication:

POSTPONED – DATE TBD

Public Speaking & Horse Speaking Contest

- McHenry County Farm Bureau in the Auditorium
- Sign in begins 9:00am. Presentations begin 9:15am.
- Members must be enrolled in Communications: Public presentation OR Horse projects in **4HOnline**

One of the most important skills that 4-H members can learn is to speak in front of a group. In 4-H, members have many opportunities to practice this skill. Besides doing presentations at the club meetings, members have the opportunity to participate in the Public Presentation contest.

This contest is open to all youth interested in presenting in the following categories: formal speech, illustrated speech, oral interpretation, or an original work. Horse project members are eligible to participate in Horse Speeches for points toward Horse Master.

COMMUNICATIONS: PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. **Formal Speeches** (4-8 mins) share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish (Original



4-H Cooking 101 SPIN Club

Saturdays TBD Extension office

Virtual classes coming soon!!!

Join the 4-H Cooking 101 SPIN Club to learn more about: Snacks, Side Dishes, Main Dishes, Quick Breads, Desserts, Food safety, Kitchen safety, Measuring, Introduction to cooking, Food preservation. The club will also review planned projects for the fair so you can put your best foot forward in competition!

TWO classes are being offered:

- **Beginning** Cooking 101 members @ 9:00-10:15 am
 - **Returning** Cooking 101 members @ 10:30-12:00pm
- Current members and NEW to 4-H youth WELCOME!

NEW and Returning members register here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21979>

CLUB NEWS:

Send your club news to

- Michele at maavang@illinois.edu or
- Quincy at quincys@illinois.edu

Community Builders:

At the March meeting, Community Builders invited Marge Molnar and Rocky Piller from **Helping Paws No Kill Shelter** in Woodstock to talk to us about all the animals they are helping. Each month they adopt out between 30-40 dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. They brought along Ben a cute Shepard mix that is available for adoption. Our club also helped collect many donations of paper towels, bleach, blankets and leashes for Helping Paws. **Way to go Community Builders!** We had a busy night with people to people featuring poster boards from countries like Poland, Mexico, Italy, Ireland, Great Britain and Thailand to mention a few. Abbey Deters shared with us some great facts about Canada and brought in Maple syrup to sample. Club members also brought in yummy treats of pizza, cakes, sausages, taquitos and more! Emma Douglas shared with us great info on baby lambs and how they are fed and tagged. Jacob Douglas shared his rabbits with us and Joshua Douglas talked about his baby goat. It was a very fun meeting! *Thank you for letting me share with you. Stay healthy 4Her's!*

Ava Kardaras- Community Builder's Reporter

Oratory), or choose one of the four topics on which to speak (Topical Response)

2. **Illustrated Speeches** (4-8 mins) may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation.
3. **Original works** (4-8 mins) must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live.
4. **Oral Interpretation** (4-8 mins) must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry.

HORSE SPEECHES - *Horse Project members may earn points towards the 2020 Horse Master Competition*

1. **Original individual formal speech** - *Junior 5-10 minutes, Senior 7-10 minutes*
2. **Original individual presentation:** *9-12 mins.* either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both use visual aids.
3. **Original team presentation:** *10-15 mins.* either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both using visual aids.
4. **Interpretive Reading** *3-5 mins* is the art of reading aloud from a printed page. The reading must be published works that are horse-related. They may be prose, poetry, short stories, play cuttings, narratives, book or review, or theatrical.

For more information, see the following 4-H STATE websites:

IL 4-H State:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/communications>

IL 4-H State contest information and scoresheets:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-public-speaking-contest>

IL 4-H Horse Speaking Contest Information and scoresheets:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-speaking-contest>

4-H Fair Leaders Meeting – via ZOOM on

April 23 at 6:30pm

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE???

I will send a link via email soon. Each club should plan to have at least ONE leader or volunteer on the call.

Please contact Michele Aavang for

questions: maavang@illinois.edu



NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either **a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone.**

Looking for Club Officer Resources?

See the **Illinois 4-H website:**

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/club-resources>

- **4-H Officers Handbook** and other resources are available through the Extension office. See attached packet for more helpful resources.
- **Online Video trainings** that may be helpful:

Volunteer trainings:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/volunteers/training>

Parliamentary procedure:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=AaHckDjTxZE

Officer Videos: <https://ohio4h.org/officerresources>



4HOnline: <https://www.4honline.com>

TIP: Firefox and Chrome work best. *Internet Explorer does NOT work!*

- See the **2019 Illinois Pick Your Project Guide** to for details on new projects such as Child Dev, Family heritage, Leather –Visual Arts, Sports Nutrition: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>
- Use the **Project Selection Form** to help record your favorite projects when you enroll in **4HOnline**.
- **New to 4-H?** Please follow the instructions to create your 4-H Family and enroll in 4HOnline.
- Add additional projects for the new 4-H year.
- If you would like to order projects books for your project, please make sure to click the arrow in the drop down box below the project selection box – called “select project materials”.
 - If you do not complete this step, no book will be ordered for you.
 - If you click in this box and nothing appears, then there is no project book available for that particular project or it is *only* available online.

Select Payment: Families may pay by Credit/Debit card or choose to pay by check.

*If paying by CREDIT CARD, please review card expiration date and 3-digit code.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

About YQCA or Youth for the Quality and Care of Animals

For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats: All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program by attending either a **face to face class** (*pre-registration required*) or certify on-line via the website:

<http://yqca.org>. The cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

PRINT A COPY FOR YOU RECORDS. You may need this for fair, especially STATE FAIR!

About QAEC or Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification

For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats: The **Quality Assurance and Ethics** training is still required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, cats & small pets. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who do not complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/> .

All Members and Volunteers must submit the "Extension Participant Volunteer Agreement to Assume Risk...".

IMPORTANT TO NOTE: ALL previous members and adult volunteers **MUST RE-ENROLL** to participate in 4-H club meetings, activities and workshops.

To receive Emergency **TEXT** alerts:

- Type in your "Cell Phone" number where indicated
- Check the box "You wish to receive notices via text message:"
- Select Cell phone carrier service.

**NOTE – you may need to click the "Continue" button at the bottom of the page in order for the information to save.*

Repeat information from last week...



The following message is from the MCHENRY COUNTY 4-H YOUTH FOUNDATION:

Your continued support of our McHenry County 4-H Youth is sincerely appreciated. In light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and in respect of our youth, supporters and community's health and well-being, we are postponing our annual String Tie Affair event currently scheduled for Saturday April 18, 2020 at Jameson's in Huntley, IL. The new date for the String Tie Affair year 2020 is yet to be determined. We will advise as more information unfolds.

The String Tie Affair is the primary fundraising event held to support our McHenry County 4-H Youth program.

This events success acts as each year's financial catapult for the foundations support of extension, youth scholarships and other funding.

Any monetary donations continuing during this turbulent historic time are very much appreciated.

- Via check, mail to; McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation, P.O. Box 1430, Woodstock, IL 60098
- Via electronic, donate on; <https://mc4hfoundation.wixsite.com/mysite>
- Kindly hold on to your silent auction basket donations until further notice as we will need and appreciate them for the new String Tie date.

Thank you for being a part of our McHenry County 4-H Youth support team.

Stay well.

McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation

To 4-H youth and families,

I hope you are all studying hard at home and enjoying some good quality family time! (*Parents, that goes for you too!*) If you are feeling isolated, don't hesitate to reach out. I might not be in the office but I am still working online from home.

While everyone is going to be spending time at home, I thought maybe we could come up with some positive, creative ideas to keep our 4-H community informed and participating in 4-H. While clubs may not be meeting for a while, maybe we could do some things to keep everyone's spirits up while capturing some 4-H activities to post virtually. We could also help to educate the public and shine some light on what we do in 4-H for those that don't know much about us.

I am looking for ideas (beyond my own thoughts) so I am calling on YOU! This is YOUR program, what do YOU think we can do to keep 4-H families involved?

Here are just a few things I was thinking... We could post some videos or photo stories from the "field" (*wherever you are*) about true Ag Education from first-hand experience. If you have livestock, are getting ready for planting season, hatching eggs, planting seeds for you garden or anything other projects you are working on, this could be a great opportunity to capture your story. We could showcase other projects that emphasize the 4-H is not just agriculture but so much more! Sewing, knitting, robotics, electricity, welding, hiking, wildlife, drawing, beekeeping, woodworking, staining, or whatever your interests are, we want to hear from YOU! Send in pictures of your favorite past projects, from previous fairs or activities so we can show you in action!

These are the platforms we have to work with so far:

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/mchenry_county_4h/

Facebook @4HMcHenryCounty

Short 2-3 minute videos of a tour of your farm, a 4-H project activity or teaching a skill would be a great place to start. Send a link to a video or a file (if it's not too big) to me by email or share it to the Facebook page. If you don't want to make a video, send us some pictures with captions or a short write-up about what you are doing. Or just one photo with a short caption for an Instagram post. Be sure that if you are sending a picture of yourself, you and your parents MUST have agreed to the Photo Release in 4HOnline. *Login and review if you are unsure.*

If you have a suggestion, please let me know and we will *Make It Happen!*

Illinois Extension office suspends regular office hours: McHenry and Lake Counties

As the University of Illinois continues to address the impacts of COVID-19, the safety and well-being of our staff and communities remain our top priorities. Following [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidelines](#), campus leadership has implemented social-distancing protocols that include most faculty and staff working remotely, effective March 17, 2020.

What does this mean in our community?

- University of Illinois Extension has suspended normal office hours at our office located in Woodstock and Grayslake. While our staff will still be working, they will largely be doing so remotely, in most cases from their homes.
- 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. Please check our event calendar at <https://extension.illinois.edu/lm/events> to learn more about the status of any of our events. (See below for 4-H events.)

We will do our best to address your needs in a timely manner. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we manage through these challenging times. If you have a question about a 4-H event/program listed below, contact Michele Aavang at maavang@illinois.edu. If you have an urgent situation, please contact James Reaves at jereaves@illinois.edu.

Illinois Extension event cancellation notice:

McHenry County 4-H

- Effective immediately, ALL face-to-face events organized by Illinois Extension have been cancelled, suspended, or transitioned to online delivery. This means that all 4-H club meetings are cancelled through May 31, 2020 unless otherwise notified.
- During this time, 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 updates. As additional resources are identified, we will share through social media and e-newsletters.
- We know that you may also have questions and concerns 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.

Resources for Responding to COVID-19:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/resources-responding-covid-19>

We are working to support all 4-H families at this time. We appreciate your support and understanding as we navigate this situation.

I wish you good health,

Michele Aavang

Program Coordinator, 4-H and Youth Development

Resources for you:

- **Comprehensive coronavirus (COVID-19) resource guide:** Nearly 50 page one-stop shop for local, state, and federal resources. This is a living document (link blow) and will be updated regularly. [NEW: CORONAVIRUS \(COVID-19\) RESOURCE GUIDE](#)
- **Resources for Responding to COVID-19:** <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/resources-responding-covid-19>

True Leaders in Service



“Hands to Larger Service”

This month on our Facebook and Instagram pages, we will be featuring 4-H Alumni, family members, volunteers and current 4-H members that are embracing the call to serve our community. Please send us your photos (in action preferably) with a short caption including information about how this person is giving their “Hands to Larger Service”. Include name of club/s, years in 4-H or current 4-H member connection (daughter, nephew, grandchild), and how this person is an essential worker (Ex. Nurses, Doctors, First Responders, medical support, military, teachers, waste management, food/grocery service, postal workers, farmers, plumbers, construction,...) We will also include pictures of you doing community service projects from home! Email Michele for details, maavang@illinois.edu.

Noah Evans 4/2/2020



Our first feature is 4-H Alumni, Noah Evan. Noah gives meaning to the pledge “Hands to Larger Service”. Noah is a Firefighter/EMT at Harvard Fire Protection District and the Loves Park Fire Department. He is in the process of completing his Associates degree in Fire

Science. We thank Noah and his co-workers for their service! Noah Evans was a member of Legendary

Pioneers 4-H Club and 4-H Ambassadors 2011-2019 and current volunteer.

Tom Linneman 4/3/2020



Today we are honored to highlight 4-H Alumni, Tom Linneman. Tom has served the Hebron-Alden-Greenwood Fire Protection District for 20 years where he has served as Fire Chief since 2016. In

addition to that, Tom has also served as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department for the past 14 years. We thank Tom and all his fellow co-workers for their service! Tom Linneman was an 11 year member of Hebron Helping Hands from 1990-2001. For the past 18 years, Tom has continued to serve as Sheep Superintendent and McHenry County Fair Association Director, currently as Treasurer.

Kurt Woolridge 4/4/2020



Today’s highlight is 4-H Alumni, Kurt Woolridge. Kurt currently serves the Baytown Fire Department in Baytown, TX where he is a Firefighter Paramedic. Prior to relocating to Texas, Kurt received his training and National License in

Illinois, also serving on the Hebron-Alden-Greenwood and Spring Grove FPDs. We thank Kurt and all his fellow co-workers for their service! Kurt Woolridge was a 4-H member from 2001-2012 belonging to Hebron Helping Hands, Keepers of the Clover and 4-H Ambassadors. 11 year member of Hebron Helping Hands from 1990-

2001. In true 4-H spirit, Kurt received his inspiration to pursue a career in fire science from the previous 4-H Alumni highlight, Tom Linneman. Kurt says is truly grateful to Tom for his encouragement and hiring him while he attended the Fire Academy.

Olivia Hungness McMahon 4/5/2020



Today's highlight is 4-H Alumni, Olivia Hungness. Olivia is currently serving in the US military as a Navy Sailor on the USS Theodore Roosevelt. We thank Olivia and all her fellow sailors for their service! Olivia is a former 11 year member of the Woodstock Wannabes 4-H Club. She is also the

sister of current 4-H member, Charlotte McMahon Thomas and daughter of 4-H volunteer leader, Melissa McMahon.