Shelby County 4-H

June-July News

Moweaqua Rustlers plant flower pots, downtown Moweaqua

Ful-O-Pep members makes cards for the nursing home
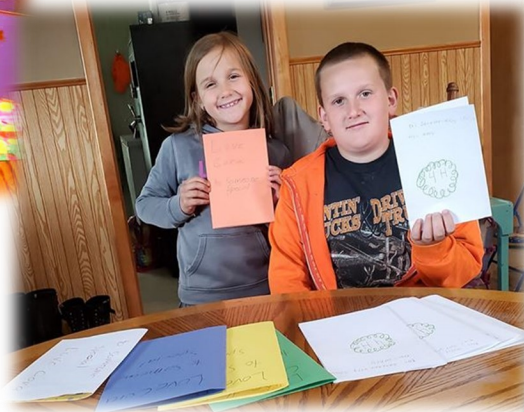
Calendar of events

Dates are tentative and subject to change.

June
20.... State Junior Horse Show entries due at Springfield

July
10.... 4-H Public Speaking Entries uploaded
13.... All 4-H entries must entered into Fair Entry and videos uploaded
14-16.... Virtual Public Speaking Judging
15.... State Fair Livestock Entries due at Springfield
20-24 ... Shelby County 4-H Virtual Judging
27-Aug 2 . State Junior Horse Show

August
14.... Shelby County 4-H General Projects judging at the IL. State Fair

September
9.... 4-H Year-end records due, Club Secretary & Treasurer books due

Shelby County Junior Fair

It is with great regret, and a decision that did not come easy, the Shelby County Junior Fair is being cancelled for 2020. The Shelby County Junior Fair Board feels that following the guidelines for "Restore Illinois" is the safest guideline to follow to protect against the COVID-19 virus. The need to limit the crowd sizes we see every day at the fair would be difficult. There were little options to have a fair at the fairgrounds and adhere to public safety guidelines, State regulations, and State laws regarding how the fair is to be run.

The Fair Board understands the hard work you put into your projects which is why we didn't want to wait any longer to make a decision. We understand what a huge disappointment this is too many Shelby County youth, their parents, the community members, and area businesses. Please understand this decision was one of the hardest decisions posed to the fair board and was taken very serious by all. To the vendors and other organizations that fundraise during the fair please know this decision was not taken lightly. We also want to say thank you to everyone that was willing to help, donate time, offered ideas, and gave feedback both for and against having a fair. Your feedback still remains an important part to continue to make positive changes for all.

Shelby County has a new County Director

A passion for continuing education, innovation, and educational leadership brings Pamela Vaughan-Sturgeon to her appointment as University of Illinois Extension county director serving Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby Counties.

Sturgeon has her doctorate in leadership and higher education administration from Indiana State University and a master of science degree in family and consumer science from Eastern Illinois University. Her focus is one of educational inclusiveness and innovation. She previously served as academic dean and executive director at the School of Continuing and Professional Studies at Philadelphia University. With a background in hospitality, conference and workshop development, and online learning innovation, Sturgeon is equipped to do just that. Her list of professional accolades is long, including the first instructor to offer an online course at EIU. She played a significant role in implementing the institution's online degree programs.

Sturgeon looks forward to lending her continuing education expertise to develop more workshops and learning opportunities for local residents. She encourages others to "embrace our differences and find ways to make them work for us." Her base office will be at the Coles County Extension Office in Mattoon.

4-H Year-end Records

The Shelby County 4-H Year-end records will be updated to reflect the many events cancelled due to COVID-19. Outstanding first and second year forms will be updated as well. As the records are updated, they will be posted to the website. Members will also receive an email. The Community Service Record, Livestock Record, Illinois Member Record, and Junior Leader forms will remain the same. As of today, there hasn't been any changes to the Illinois Experience Award.

We want to recognize members for their hard work and dedication to their projects and completing 4-H year-end records are an important aspect of doing this.

Shelby County 4-H Virtual Fair

All documents for the Shelby County 4-H Virtual Fair can be found at: https://go.illinois.edu/2020ccdmsvirtualshows

As a 4-H member, what do I do now?

- Fair Entry is open June 10 through July 13.

- 4-H members received their fair entry forms from their leaders (green sheet). These are the projects that you signed up in the 4H Online program by March 6. These are the projects that you are eligible to exhibit in the Virtual Fair.

- The ShelbyVirtual Fair Family Checklist will walk families through how to complete the Virtual Fair Process. NOTE: Your project must be completed, pictures taken and the project report completed in order to create the entry in the Fair Entry program.

- "The Virtual Show Upload Requirements for Shelby County" list all the project requirements for General Projects, Cats and Small Pets.

- Livestock, rabbits, poultry, dogs, horses and public speaking have their own project guidelines including the specifics on creating videos and how to upload videos. For all the animal projects, members will need to complete the applicable livestock class card, rabbit/poultry exhibitor card, and horse exhibitor card and show the card at the beginning of the video.

- If you need copies printed out of the animal exhibitor cards, general project exhibit cards, General Projects guidelines, etc. let Yolanda know and she will be glad to print them off and mail to you.

- Ask for help! If you don't have access to the internet, you don't know your 4H Online log-in, trouble creating your entries, uploading a video, etc. please ask for help. Yolanda can be reached at nation2@illinois.edu or 217-774-9546. We would like everyone to participate in at least one exhibit opportunity. This is new for all of us and we will figure it out.

Shelby County 4-H Virtual Fair Training

A big thank you to all the families that attended the Virtual Fair Training. For those families that couldn't attend, the links are listed below. The training walks families through creating their fair entries.

Link to the Power Point:

https://uofi.app.box.com/s/9j2a8x2ii7ulrntdxge7ipjqieh8ba7d

Link to the recording:

https://illinois.zoom.us/rec/play/6Jx_f-2p-m03G4CXsASDAaQsW9S4J6ys13JM-6YLyhnhUCFRZ1fyNeQSa-VpPquYEPSRS-AX3h_dwNJ7?
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Virtual 4-H Meetings

While face-to-face 4-H meetings are not able to be held at this time, why not try a virtual 4-H meeting! 4-H meetings are where 4-H members learn what is going on in their club and county. 4-H meetings are where you get to see your friends, talk about 4-H projects you are interested in and have fun.

Virtual 4-H meetings can be held a variety of ways including through Skpe and Zoom. Meetings can be held via a smartphone, computer or iPad. Yolanda has resources to set up these type of meetings. If there are any clubs that would like to set up a virtual meeting and need help, let Yolanda know. Leaders - if you do try a virtual meeting, let Yolanda know how it went. It would be great to share successes or things to improve upon for future virtual meetings.

Things to include in your virtual meeting - reciting the pledges, roll call, discuss the county newsletter, club updates, and present talks, etc. This is a great way to get 4-H members involved who are tech savvy and could help set up virtual meetings.

Virtual Fair ???

Additional Zoom meetings will be scheduled for later in June/early July to answer questions, provide help as needed, etc. Families may contact Yolanda and schedule a private meeting. Zoom provides access to screen sharing which helps understand the problems families may have. As meeting dates and times are set, emails will be sent to families. Let Yolanda know if you have any questions.

Understanding the Virtual Fair Website
Website link: https://go.illinois.edu/2020ccdmsvirtualshows

Heading—All Projects:
- **Directions on how to submit your project -** This is the Fair Entry program instructions that will walk families through creating entries. Before beginning your entries, the project needs to be completed with required photos and project report. Animal projects can create their entries and upload their videos later. Link: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/36cg1l2d25rjj5qaghw0k9xk6xy4w1pf
- **The Shelby County Exhibitor Tip Sheet** - This document has tips for 4-H Online Judging.
- **The Shelby Virtual Fair Family Checklist** - This document has step by step instructions for families from verifying project requirements, creating entries and videos ii applicable.
- **Virtual Show Upload Requirements—Shelby** - This document list the General Projects requirements for all general projects, cats and small pets. Link: https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/ccdmsvsgpguidelines-shelbycounty4-h-final.pdf
- **Project Report form** - This document needs to be completed for each general project. This document takes the place of conference judging. This document can be downloaded to Word to type in the document or the questions can be typed in another program and uploaded as a PDF in Fair Entry. Link: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/hboiid54srcusl9dj2iwjwi2sykjffww
- **Shelby County 4-H members enrolled in Cats, Dogs and Small Pets** should complete this project form to answer questions about those project areas. Link: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/u631ljs9kigk7py4ukujjdpgayrd2se8
- **Cloverbud Project Report Form:** Shelby County Cloverbuds can access the checklist which walk families through adding their Cloverbuds pictures and Project Form. Cloverbuds will complete the Shelby County Cloverbud Project Form as part of their project along with one picture, but up to three are allowed. Link to checklist: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/aw3cmflzvk5ngk8g8o6aoyfcc79g2rv7 Link to Report: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/0sd8eicpdbgte7mwppm4av5iefl5sfkd
- **Exhibit Cards** - The sample exhibit cards can be used or the information can be written out on a notecard. The card has the 4-H members name, county, class and age. This card must be in one of the required photos. Link: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/2hzlakk2wyzhcma885gxf6ktqtbseunf

Heading—Video Upload Information:
- **How to upload your video -** This document explains how to upload videos. Link: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/62zr2r56qhmj3fjr598y3o0zux3gbiwy
- **Link to upload your video - Shelby:** https://uofi.app.box.com/f/b9a3cbeb4a984016950bdb100bc24980

Heading—Project Specific Information:
- **Public Presentation show information -** There are two documents for Shelby County members; a checklist and the public speaking guidelines. Link to the checklist: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/xyqoeo3h1791wl8x342x36ciimamr5n7 Link to the guidelines: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/yu7tgbspt8nw2evis66tqfwfvlfwamms
- **Live animal project information - Shelby County** Each animal show has its own guidelines which includes the video requirements and the classes being offered. Beef, sheep, swine, goats and dairy will use the livestock class card which will be completed for each entry and shown at the beginning of the video.
- **Beef:** https://uofi.app.box.com/s/8o8jkzs797p8s0w1bimbvmftw6pr59eg
- **Swine:** https://uofi.app.box.com/s/2riqw9bgvradtgu2y96v6k0kl9eygzon
- **Sheep:** https://uofi.app.box.com/s/lbjsog025ig6hnonqqyd7ozyrahs6peq
- **Goat:** https://uofi.app.box.com/s/8mmqs5fclus5o4cfnqcp1qw8qucu1ety
- **Dairy:** https://uofi.app.box.com/s/o4ukv77bsyw1c2875onnvib0lbs3puj1
- **Poultry:** https://uofi.app.box.com/s/stx8t8047ofex1ausjgllfmr5qe3aeev

Understanding the Virtual Fair Website

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- **Rabbit/Poultry Exhibitor Card -** This card should be completed and shown at the beginning of each recording for rabbit and poultry exhibits. Link: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/ro771eplt4w7vj6uzdeloxmgedfhviwc
- **Livestock Class Card - Shelby** This card should be completed for each entry in the beef, swine, sheep, goat and dairy exhibits. The card should be shown at the beginning of each video. Link: https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/ccdmslivestockclasscard.pdf If you have a dry erase board, you could write your information and then erase and use again.
- **Dog Show Information** - The Shelby Dog Show guidelines list the video requirements and classes offered. The Shelby Dog Exhibitor Card needs to be shown at the beginning the recording. The Shelby Cat, Dog, and Small Pets project form only needs to be completed for Dog Care and Dog Scrapbook. Link for Shelby Dog Show: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/hrfmkshxjw4072f9tm3pgdh2iw37vw9z Link for exhibitor card: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/lh3gk6bs571d2rj437x4ubiuyfqx4rem
- **Horse Show Information -** The Shelby Horse Show guidelines list the video requirements and classes offered. The Horse Exhibitor Card will need to be completed and shown at the beginning of each video. Link to horse guidelines: https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/ccdmshorseshowguidelinesshelbyco.pdf
  Link to exhibitor card: https://uofi.app.box.com/s/092yg6ga5v02cq14modvwuui3o4vqwbv
- **Master Showmanship -** 4-H members ages 14 and up may compete in the Master Showmanship contest. The contest includes submitting and answers to a questionnaire that can be found at the link listed. Members need to read the contest rules before applying. Link: http://form.jotform.com/201266390431044

If families are unsure of project requirements, uploading entries, uploading videos, etc., please reach out and ask questions. Yolanda can be reached at 217-774-9546 (leave a message) or email nation2@illinois.edu.

New certification required for youth exhibiting livestock (YQCA)

4-H members planning to exhibit beef, sheep, swine, dairy or goats in the Virtual Show must complete the YQCA. The only option is to complete the Online Training. The cost of the training is $12. The link to the training documents can be found at: https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/cdmsgettingyouryqcaonlinecertification.pdf

 Financial assistance is available to families with more than one child. Contact Yolanda for more information. Training must be completed by July 13.

Creating Fair Entries . .

When creating your entries, you will need to have the required photos, and 4-H project report ready to upload to create each entry. You can enter multiple projects at the same time or can do them one at a time. If you create an entry and submit it for approval, another entry cannot be entered until the first entry is approved. When submitting entries in Fair Entry, your entry is not complete until you hit "SUBMIT". At this point, you will not be able to enter more entries until the pending entries have been approved.
THE DEADLINE TO ENTER ENTRIES IS JULY 13!

Projects requiring videos

For those projects requiring a video, members can create and submit their entry into the Fair Entry program and upload the video at a later date. However, July 13 is the last day!

State Fair Entry Deadlines

Horses: June 20

Horse lease/photos: Due June 20th with the entries to the Illinois State Fair Entry Office. Contact Yolanda for pictures.

Livestock: July 15

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Illinois 4-H Making a Difference in Local Communities!

The *True Leaders in Service,* designated day of service may have passed however we are asking Illinois 4-H Clubs to keep the momentum going as they continue to focus on the 4th "H" and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Even though Illinois has moved into the Phase 3, the *Recovery* stage of the COVID-19 response, communities are still in need of support. ***To meet this need we are extending the timeline for 4-H Clubs to go through July 31, 2020!***

Illinois 4-H'ers have been collaborating virtually as they collected and donated food to stock the shelves at local food pantries experiencing greater needs; making cards, videos, and encouraging yard signs to support vulnerable populations including shut-ins and senior center residents; and they have put their sewing skills to work as they made face masks which were distributed at medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

Find resources and the link to register your plan for service outreach at https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs. The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service outreach 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 is your time to make a difference!

The 4-H Everyday Sportsman's Skills Challenge

The 4-H Everyday Sportsman's Skills Challenge s currently underway and runs continuously until July 15, 2020. Interested 4-H Members are presented with three sportsman's skills at a time which they learn by viewing suggested videos. Once they've mastered the skills, they contact their 4-H leader or 4-H staff person to communicate what they've learned. Each skill level mastered gets the 4-H member entered into a drawing for a high quality multi-tool sponsored by Illinois Pheasants Forever. Click here for details:https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-everyday-sportsmans-skills-challenge

Are you a 4-H Alumni? We want to stay connected to you!

The Illinois 4-H Alumni Association is building a network of 4-H alumni to join the alumni association.

Sign up today for your free membership: **https://go.illinois.edu/4halum**

Do you have news or life changes to share?

We want to hear from you! Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum?

We would love to hear your updates and stay connected! https://go.illinois.edu/4HAlumniNews

Illinois 4-H Alumni Association

4-H Alumni News!

Share online: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/alumni

Entries due by July 13!

Don't FORGET!

Virtual Fishing Contest We have a winner in Shelby County!

The first week of the State 4-H Virtual Fishing Contest held in April saw Oconee Eager Beavers Claire Schafer tied for first place in the Largemouth Bass contest with her catch coming in at 17.75 inches long. Claire tied with Carter Swisher of Jackson County.

Congrats Claire on your first place catch!

Are you a 4-H Senior?

We are proud of your accomplishments! While this year may not have been how you planned to end your Senior year, you have persevered! We want to celebrate your accomplishments with you!

We are seeking 4-H Seniors to complete the **4-H Senior Survey**. This survey is designed for graduating seniors to share about your experiences in 4-H, tell us about your career path and if 4-H influenced your school or career decisions. Seniors participating in the 4-H Senior Survey will receive a 4-H graduation tassel as a memorabilia item to remember your time in the Illinois 4-H program. This 4-H tassel will be a special gift from Illinois 4-H as a token to celebrate your successes.

As you complete your 4-H career, you will also have an opportunity to join the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association. The Illinois 4-H Alumni Association is launching to stay connected to you! We want to see where your go, what successes continue to unfold and to create a lifelong connection between **YOU** and **Illinois 4-H**. We hope one day you will return as a volunteer or even as a 4-H parent.

4-H will be here for you today, tomorrow and for a lifetime! Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Follow the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association on Social Media.

We want to stay connected to you !

Linked In: https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HAlumni
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/IL4halumni
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/

Converting your pictures to a PDF

When working on your 4-H projects, if you find yourself needing to turn a picture into a PDF, the following links will assist you with this process.

iPhone method to convert any photo to a .pdf.
https://youtu.be/M_kUFoAHrZA

Android method to convert any photo to a .pdf

https://youtu.be/d_olWftSgIM

Thank you to Jim Sparks for sharing!

Facebook Fan Favorite Contest

While we can't have our fair in person, we want to see our 4-H members showing off their projects to share on our Facebook page. There will be various categories and the contest will run daily for a week in July. 4-H'ers are asked to pose with their project and send a picture and caption to Yolanda at nation2@illinois.edu. 4-H'ers may send multiple projects for the contest. Pictures can be funny or serious as long as you are in it! We want to have fun with this contest and honor our members. Prizes will be awarded for each category. Watch the Shelby County IL 4-H Facebook page for more details and your family email.

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Coldspring Copperheads showing off their new county t-shirts!