



4-H FAST FACTS



A Newsletter for **Christian County 4-H Families**

May 2020

Status of 4-H Shows and Summer Events in Christian County

As of May 15th, 2020

On May 4th, all 4-H members and families received communication from Dr. Lisa Diaz, Illinois State 4-H Program Leader, announcing that all in-person events sponsored by Illinois Extension through July 5 will be canceled or moved to an online format. This includes all 4-H club meetings, events, and summer exhibit opportunities.

At this point, we are still planning for the Christian County 4-H shows to take place in-person, as scheduled. We are also taking some proactive steps to plan and think through virtual options should we have to use them. A full calendar of deadlines and show dates is found on the last page of this newsletter. As a reminder, many of those dates and deadlines will remain tentative until further notice.

As stated in the announcement, decisions will be made by June 1st regarding the status of events scheduled through the month of July. All 4-H families will likely receive a similar email and correspondence from the state if this happens.

Once we receive more information, we will update all families via email and through the June newsletter. We continue to appreciate everyone's patience as we learn more every day and week.

Please reach out if you have any additional comments or questions at this time. Our offices remain closed but all staff are working remotely. Email is the preferred method of contact. We can still be reached by calling the office at 217.287.7246. Calls will be forwarded to the needed staff member.

Thank you!

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To keep up with 4-H happenings in Christian County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Christian4h>



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Congratulations to our 2020 4-H Graduates!

Best of luck to all on your next steps!

Bekka Fesser

Layne Lebshier

Caleb Grover

Mackenzie Harmon

Eric Schafer

Morgan Gabriel

Gabriel Jeffrey

Tanner Mickey

Jett Vickery



Registering Exhibits for 2020 4-H Shows

The online Fair Entry system will open* on Friday, June 5th for **ALL** Christian County 4-H shows and exhibits. Instructions for completing this will be sent out via email and will be included in the June newsletter.

Entries for the fair **MUST** be submitted through this system. With the closure of our offices, we will not be able to offer paper forms or loan out computers. If you need assistance or need other accommodations to enter your projects, please contact our office so that we assist you.

DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTIRES: FRIDAY, JULY 3rd NO EXCEPTIONS!

**All Fair Entry opening and closing deadlines are still subject to change, pending June 1st announcement.*

Publications & Project Books

Without regular office hours, we remain unable to ship and receive project books and publications from campus. Because of this, project requirements will be relaxed to accommodate those families that were unable to receive their project books as planned.

Many of our publications can be purchased online at shop4-h.org. Please contact Sara (marten1@illinois.edu) if you have questions about requirements or need additional information.

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At-Home Activities

Brought to you by the Christian County Youth Leadership Team

'Dry Erase' Science

Take a glass or ceramic plate and draw a simple figure on it. Then add water slowly to the plate.

What happens? Why do you think it happens?



Full Experiment Video (on Facebook): https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3672066466142228&external_log_id=3fecf4c192173d9f9a5f1dd0e8228d97&q=steve%20spangler%20dry%20erase

Participate in Some Pizza Trivia!



Join Christian County Ag in the Classroom on

Tuesday, May 26th for some ag trivia all about pizza! Learn about toppings, ingredients, and how it all relates to the agriculture industry.

Check out the Christian County Ag in the Classroom Facebook page for more info and for the Facebook live video on May 26th.

Show us what you're creating on social media! #Christian4HAtHome

More Videos & Online Learning

Making Ninja Stress Balls—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyfxlryiD8A&feature=youtu.be>

Making a Sky Ball—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bz0JrLJfN4&feature=youtu.be>

Science Experiments for Kids—<https://redtri.com/classic-science-experiments/slide/1>

Steve Spangler Science (activities for kids and live science lessons) - <https://www.stevespanglerscience.com/lab/categories/experiments/at-home-science/>

Online Webinars Provided by University of Illinois Extension—<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/resources-responding-covid-19>

Compiled List of Learning Resources for Youth & Families— <https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/cjmonlinelearningresourcelist.pdf>

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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



**2020-2021 ILLINOIS 4-H
YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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Youth Leadership Team - Applications Now Open

The Illinois Youth Leadership Team applications are now open! If you know of any outstanding 4-H members or recent alumni age 16-20 who excels in leadership please encourage them to apply! The Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team offers 4-H members and recent 4-H alumni an opportunity to give back to the 4-H program while further enhancing their leadership skills. Members of this team serve as ambassadors for Illinois 4-H at various events throughout the year, they also plan and run the Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The Team is actively involved in assisting the State 4-H Office in planning, implementing, and evaluating various 4-H events and activities; representing Illinois at National 4-H Conference; and serving as a youth voice of the Illinois 4-H Youth Development Program.

For more information please visit go.illinois.edu/4hyt.
Applications are due June 1st: <https://www.jotform.com/build/200865983373162>

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Extension webinars being offered

University of Illinois Extension helps individuals, families, farmers, businesses, and communities solve local problems to improve lives of Illinois residents. Check out the list of online webinars and trainings at <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/webinars>.

The 4-H Everyday Sportsman's Skills Challenge is 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. Details can be found at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-everyday-sportsmans-skills-challenge>



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Barred Owl Nest Box Citizen Science Project reminders: May marks the month owlets are ready to leave the nest. Many nest boxes were hung in parks that have not been accessible this spring but please remind your 4-H families to check again to see when access may be possible. The owlets may be gone, but investigate the box for signs such as pellets, feathers, etc. Please send any information to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

Nest Box reporting sheets are here:

https://nestwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DataSheet_20171103.pdf

Collecting Food Access Stories

The Illinois 4-H State Office is putting a call out for stories that highlight the creative, innovative, and inspiring work that 4-H youth are doing to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. If you have a young person or a club in your area that is going out of their way to create greater food security and food access through service learning projects, advocacy, social media campaigns, or community service, we want to hear about them and help their work get highlighted by the U of I College of ACES Extension communication team. Please send a brief description of their project, a contact, and a photograph (where possible) of their work to mbbecker@illinois.edu.

4-H Maker Monday Series



Maker Mondays is a YouTube Segment featuring the Illinois 4-H STEM Team, that guides youth through the process of designing, fabricating, and finishing anything we can think of, from cosplay inspired outfits, to custom themed drones and gadgets. These videos are designed to inspire and encourage youth to expand their imaginations, and build/make whatever they can think of. Our videos are not meant to transform youth into content experts, but rather into process experts with the tools and skills needed to find the answers to questions they have. Every video lists the materials and tools needed, and many videos will have accompanying downloads. In our first video, we make Mandalorian Armor from scratch using basic tools and a 3D printer!

Click out the link below to view:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7hhXcL-6fQ&feature=youtu.be>

4-H COVID Idea Challenge

5 finalists will be selected and pitch their idea to a panel of content experts as well as Maker and rapid prototyping experts, live streamed on Saturday, May 30 (link available the week of event). We will provide one person or collaborative team \$1000 in resources, and guidance to aid in the rapid prototyping of your idea. Additionally, if the idea qualifies, we will aid the winning person/team in sharing their idea to virtual platforms like the National Institute of Health's 3D Print Exchange (if 3D Printable), as well as other open source COVID 19 solutions platforms both locally and nationally. This is a timely opportunity to showcase the inner Maker in our youth, with the potential to impact their communities.

Go to: go.illinois.edu/covididea for details



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mark your calendar!



2020 Christian County 4-H Shows & Deadlines

All dates and deadlines are still tentative as of May 15th. More decisions will be made after June 1st.

June 1	Announcement from State 4-H Office Regarding July 4-H Events
June 5	Fair Entry opens to register exhibits for ALL 4-H shows
June 10	State Fair Livestock Nomination Forms Due
June 13	<i>Unit Horse Show CANCELLED—MOVED VIRUTALLY</i>
June 13—19	*Horse Show Only* Fair Entry Open to enter exhibits AND videos
June 15	DEADLINE—YQCA and/or QAEC Training & Certification Due
June 22—26	*Horse Show Only* Judging in Fair Entry
July 3	DEADLINE—Fair Entry closes for ALL 4-H shows
By July 6	*Horse Show Only* Results released to families
July 17	1:00 pm—Clothing & Textiles Show—Extension Office
July 17	3:00 pm—Foods Show—Extension Office
July 17	6:00 pm—Public Speaking—Extension Office
July 20	8:00 am—Rabbit Show—Fairgrounds, Expo Building
July 20	8:30 am—Poultry Show—Fairgrounds, Expo Building
July 20	9:00 am—General Projects Show—Fairgrounds, Expo Building
July 20	4-H Splash N Dash (immediately following General Show)
July 20	2:00 pm—Cat Show—Fairgrounds, Expo Building
July 20	3:00 pm—Dog Show—Fairgrounds, Expo Building
July 21	6:00 pm—Livestock Weigh-ins—Fairgrounds, Expo Building
July 21	7:00 pm—Livestock Skill-a-Thon—Fairgrounds, Beef Show Ring
July 22	8:30 am—Livestock Shows (rotating swine, sheep, goat, dairy, beef)
July 23	4:00 pm—General Project Pick-Up—Fairgrounds, Expo Building