

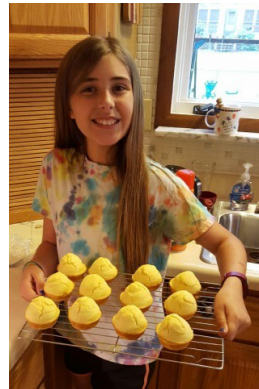


4-H FAST FACTS



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

September 2020



Jersey County 4-H members competed at the Illinois 4-H Virtual State Fair last month. Project judges from the Jersey County 4-H Virtual General Show promote members to compete at the Illinois State Fair. The amount of members eligible for promotion is determined by Illinois 4-H. This year eleven members from Jersey County 4-H were nominated to compete at the State level. Those members include: Carson Beckman, Clark Blasa, Grant Blasa, Kimberlee Ford, Amelia Jumper, Ava Pulley, Alayna Rothe, Keeley Shoemaker, Dinah Slusser, Leann Woodring, and Taylor Woodring. All members received the award of excellence. Clark Blasa received Champion of his class for his project in Woodworking 4. Amelia Jumper was also recognized as Champion of her class for her Woodworking 1 project. Leann Woodring earned Reserve Champion for her project in Leadership 3 and Taylor Woodring earned Reserve Champion in Sports Nutrition.

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4-H Enrollment opens October 1!

As we transition to an updated enrollment system, enrollment will not open until October 1. 4-H Online will be closed for the transition, to migrate information, add new projects and make changes. Youth must be 8 years old and not yet 19 by September 1, 2020. Youth ages 5-7 can join a Cloverbud club.

4-H members may enroll in as many project areas as they have interest. Parents and 4-H leaders will help you as you choose areas of interest, set goals, and work on projects. Remember, if you wish to continue in a project area from one 4-H year to the next, you must sign up for that project area every year. You are not automatically enrolled. In order to exhibit a 4-H project at the fair, you **MUST** be enrolled in the project areas by the enrollment deadline.

Steps in Choosing 4-H Projects

A few steps to make the project selection process easier are:

- Review the Project Selection Guide
- Eliminate projects which don't interest you.
- Consider how much time you have for projects.
- Sign up for projects according to your age and skills.
- Don't enroll in a project too advanced.



As we venture into a new 4-H year remember 4-H is an organization with no limitations. Take a new project, advance in an old one, but most importantly have fun!! If you have a question or need some help don't hesitate to call. We are happy to help. If you find a project you would like to learn more about and would like a workshop in that area, let us know. Please help us to strive to make the best better.

OFFICER'S CORNER

Electing Club Officers

Officers roles are an important part of helping the 4-H club run smoothly and gives youth leadership skills. Potential 4-H officers are commonly nominated in one of two ways. First, a nominating committee can meet and think of members that would do well as that officer. Or, nominations can be made from the floor during the election meeting. Either nomination procedure is correct. It is just as important to focus on other aspects of 4-H officer positions such as:

- Members should get to know the people running for an office.
- Those running should be willing to share with the group why they should be considered for that officer position.
- The 4-H group needs officers who will work with all members, be dependable, and show up for a majority of the meetings.

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Awards Due

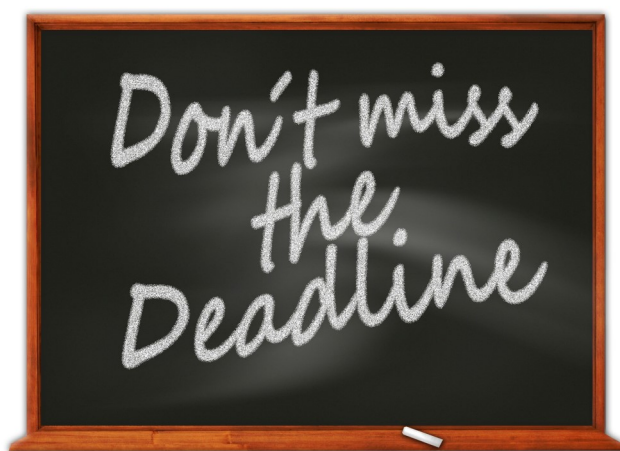
Applications for county and state awards are due to the Extension Office by September 18. For award applications and more information on awards please contact Jessica or visit the county website at:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-jersey-county>.

Nominations for the following county awards are also due on September 18:

- **I Dare You Award**—The I Dare You Award recognizes a 4-H member who exhibit personal integrity, balanced living and potential for leadership.
- **Outstanding 4-H Member**—Outstanding 4-H member who exhibits outstanding participation in project learning, leadership and community service at the club, county, state level and beyond.
- **Outstanding 1st Year Member**—Outstanding 1st year member who exhibits outstanding participation in project learning and community service at the club and county level.

Leaders and volunteers are able to nominate 4-H members by completing nomination forms found on the county website.



For more information or questions, please contact Jessica at jjaffry@illinois.edu

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“We came together as we stayed apart.”

Members have worked very hard with their projects this year. Every member who participated in the virtual shows this summer will receive a t-shirt to commemorate their efforts and the momentous year. Donors are recognized on each t-shirt for their support and donation to the 4-H program.

Trophy Donors:

Rothe Family Seed, LLC.
TriCounty FS, Inc.
Farmers State Bank
Jersey County Grain
LRS Farms & Drainage
Jersey Farmers Elevator
Gorman Ready Mix, Inc.
Fessler Farms
Triple M Cattle

Buck's Decorating
WA Rice Seed Co.
CHS
Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners
Beatty Walsh Show Cattle
Kallal Concrete
Greenfield Veterinarian Clinic
CNB Bank & Trust
MTS Jerseyville, Inc.

The Jersey County Fair Board and community partners want to recognize the hard work of the Jersey County 4-H members. Members demonstrated great resilience, project mastery, and dedication this year. While the fair auction was unable to take place, they would still like to support those members who participated in the virtual fair with a donation to each member.

Donors:

Scheffel Boyle Accounting
Jersey County Grain
Growmark Foundation
Jerseyville Banking Center
FamilyFarms, LLC.
Fessler Farms
CNB Bank & Trust
Jersey State Bank
Jersey County Farm Bureau

Heitzig Truck Service, LLC.
TriCounty FS, Inc.
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KEEP ONE, GIVE ONE!

4-H cares about your safety during this difficult time. Hook this lanyard to your mask, so you don't lose it! Keep a lanyard for yourself, then give one to a friend & tell them why you joined 4-H!!



All Jersey County 4-H members will be receiving two 4-H lanyards. Keep one to hook to your mask and share one and your 4-H experience with a friend. Bonus if you snap a photo of you and your friend using your lanyards and masks! Stay safe and healthy!



Did you participate in the virtual show? Please **SCHEDULE** a time to pick up your ribbons, t-shirt and 'auction' check. Walk-ins are not permitted at this time. To **SCHEDULE** a pickup please email Jessica at jjaffry@illinois.edu

Lanyards will be dispersed by club leaders at upcoming meetings.

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National 4-H Week – October 4-10, 2020

Theme: Opportunity4ALL

National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **Opportunity4ALL**. We are lifting up youth voices and helping kids get equal access to the resources they need to thrive. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 4 – 10. 4-H Spirit Day will be held Wednesday, October 7. Encourage your clubs to show their 4-H pride and wear a clover! Use the hashtag #Opportunity4All or #National4HWeek as you share your 4-H activities on social media. We will be sharing more information in the coming weeks.



Other dates to consider for October 2020

- October 1-31 – STEM Challenge Month
- October 4-10 – National 4-H Week
- October 7-18 – Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promotion

Inspire your club to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week

During times of COVID19, please plan accordingly to adhere to all social distancing guidelines in your area. Some face to face activities may not be feasible this year.

- Post 4-H window signs in your windows (downloadable) "Proud 4-H Member Lives Here" or "Proud 4-H Volunteer Lives Here"
- Change your Facebook cover for National 4-H Week
- Have a day to wear a 4-H shirt to work or school. – 4-H Spirit Day will be held on Wednesday!
- Start a county 4-H alumni club or solicit 4-H Alumni names through the paper and newsletter to join the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association.
- Host a "To Me Opportunity Means _____" event in your community. (downloadable file) Have 4-H members, alumni, volunteers share their sign on social media to promote 4-H.
- Join the National 4-H Week Spirit week on Illinois 4-H Facebook page.
- Use the Facebook Photo Frame to show you are a proud member of 4-H
- In a 4-H meeting or remote schooling, use the 4-H zoom backgrounds during National 4-H Week.
- Have a flag-raising ceremony at a local bank, park, business, veterans club or school. Could the 4-H flag also be hosted by a business during National 4-H Week?
- Print bookmarks (downloadable) and ask banks to include a bookmark or flyer about 4-H at their drive-thru facilities.
- Share handouts or bookmarks with schools, home school organizations, and youth-serving agency boards.
- Get Social! Start a social media engagement post—What did you gain in 4-H? and distribute it to your social media channels and encourage other club members to post too.
- Post 4-H alumni signs, National 4H week signs, or join 4-H signs in the yards of current or past 4-H members.
- Have a poster contest with your members, then display them in local business windows.
- County Window Display Contest to have clubs host a 4-H window display in a local business.
- Write letters to your congressional leaders or local legislators about how important 4-H is to you.
- Attend a city council meeting and have the mayor/councilmen sign the Proclamation. Or have them present via Zoom or Google Meet to your 4-H Club and share on social media.
- Host a quiz night—Are You Smarter than a 4-Her?
- Promote 4-H livestock projects at the feed store.
- Promote 4-H technology projects at the electronic/phone/computer stores.
- Promote 4-H foods projects at the grocery stores.
- Promote 4-H entrepreneur projects at the banks.
- Promote 4-H family projects at the doctor offices.
- Promote 4-H on local advertising signs, billboards, church message boards.
- Take a plate of 4-H cookies to local businesses with an appreciation poster for them to post.
- Take thank you flowers to all your club leaders.
- Have a county-wide or club community service day and have the members all report back what they did, then prepare an impact story about how important 4-H service is.
- Carve pumpkins with a 4-H logo and take them to area homes, businesses or have a photo contest to see which ones get the most likes.
- Create a 4-H promotion to run at the local movie theater during previews.
- Have members bring projects and speak at local civic organizational meetings.
- Plant a tree in honor of 4-H.

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JUST THE HELP YOU NEED FOR YOUR 4-H CLUB

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

- Go to go.illinois.edu/IL4H
- Click on the **Clubs** tab.
- Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page
- Find these helpful documents:
 - ◇ **Club Meeting Agenda** – this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.
 - ◇ **Club Committee Planning Worksheet** – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.
 - ◇ **Club Yearly Program Plan** – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.
 - ◇ **More** – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.

ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS



Let's
CHAT

We LOVE to TALK to our Volunteer's!

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to be launching this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthen-

ing 4-H club and member learning experiences. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well!

Session #1 – Thursday, August 20, 2020

Session #2 - Thursday, November 19, 2020

Session #3 - Thursday, February 18, 2021

Session #4 - Thursday, May 20, 2021

SAVE THE DATE! Registration link will be provided soon

4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Code of Conduct – Thursday, October 15, 2020
- Effective & Engaging Meetings – Thursday, November 7, 2020
- Parliamentary Procedure – Date Pending

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4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FALL UPDATE

After a survey of shooting sports discipline instructors; key volunteers; and state shooting sports venues - the decision has been made to move all in-person state shoots to a virtual tournament format for health and safety reasons. This will allow for smaller, local competitions to be conducted and supervised by certified Level I 4-H discipline instructors who will then report the youth scores centrally through an on-line system. Only Level I certified instructors may enter scores from 4-H members.

Also, we are happy to announce that our 2020 Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports team members who were scheduled to attend the National 4-H Shoot last June (cancelled due to COVID-19) will be invited to shoot at the same national event in 2021 if they are still age eligible.. Our 2020 virtual shoot results and the data from 2019 State Shoots will then be used to fill any gaps in the 2021 Illinois team.

The virtual shoot will run for the months of September – December, 2020. Registration will be free and have both a Junior (11-13 years) and Senior (14-18 years) division! Disciplines offered will be compound archery; recurve archery; shotgun (trap); and air rifle. The rules, registration link, and score submittal link are attached to this email and also posted on the Illinois 4-H website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>

Virtual Shoot registration opens Sept. 1st

There are no current plans to conduct an in-person 4-H Shooting Sports adult certification training in the fall of 2020 at this time. This situation is still pending and is dependent on pandemic management guidelines.

PROGRESS IN A NEW SUSTAINABLE AG PROJECT

In collaboration with the Illinois 4-H Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau, and the FarmBot company we are beginning to roll out several pilot sites for the implementation of STEM programming in Ag Education. This educational program is aimed at developing the critical thinking and STEM-related skills of Illinois youth by bringing them into contact with precision agriculture technology and promoting design-thinking approaches to agriculture's greatest challenges. See this link for a short interview with Illinois Farm Bureau to learn more about the progress we've made.

<https://vimeo.com/438292870>

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ILLINOIS 4-H SUPERIOR YOUNG DAIRY PRODUCER CONTEST

September 19th from 2 PM to 6 PM

South Show Ring Illinois State Fairgrounds

Eligibility: Any Illinois 4-H member who is a current dairy project member in their local 4-H club and 14 years or older, as of January 1, 2020 is eligible to participate.

Register at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22494> or in person at the time of the event

Awards: The top three youth with the highest point scores in the total contest will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship sponsored by Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.

Contest Format: Participants will be able to complete the contest anytime between 2 PM and 6 PM. The contest should take approximately 1 hour to complete. The contest will have three phases:

Phase 1: Dairy test relating to dairy management and facts

Phase 2: Skillathon: series of three learning stations with specific tasks and questions - Station 1) Feed ID; Station 2) Pedigrees; Station 3) Equipment ID.

Phase 3: Dairy Management Scoring: body condition score and locomotion score dairy cattle videos. Scoring guides can be found at:

Locomotion Scoring:

<https://www.zinpro.com/lameness/dairy/locomotion-scoring>

Body Condition Scoring:

http://cdrf.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/13_1_Body_condition_scoring.pdf

Contact Derek Nolan with any question: dtnolan@illinois.edu

4-H SUPERIOR YOUNG LIVESTOCK PRODUCER CONTEST

Who: 4-H members ages 14-18 as of January 1st. On-site walk-up registration

What: 2020 4-H Livestock Skillathon. Compete for one of nine \$1,000 scholarships.

When: Saturday, September 19th. You can start any time between 9:00am - 2:00pm

Where: South show ring of the Junior cattle barn, Illinois State Fairgrounds

Test your knowledge on:

- Breeds of cattle, swine and sheep
- Multiple choice quiz
- Marketing
- Equipment identification
- Quality assurance

Send questions to Dan Jennings (815-218-4358)

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXPO

Sept 11-13, 2020 (beef / sheep / dairy goats / pygmy goats / rabbits / poultry)

Sept 18-20, 2020 (swine / dairy cattle / meat goats)

Open to ages 8-21. Held at Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL.

This is not a 4-H sponsored activity but may be of interest to you enrolled in related 4-H project areas. For more information: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Documents/20%20JrLivestock.pdf>