



4-H FAST FACTS



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

May 2020

Status of 4-H Shows and Summer Events in Jersey 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 Jersey 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 then be forwarded to the needed staff member.

Thank you!

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To keep up with 4-H happenings in Jersey County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/jersey4h>



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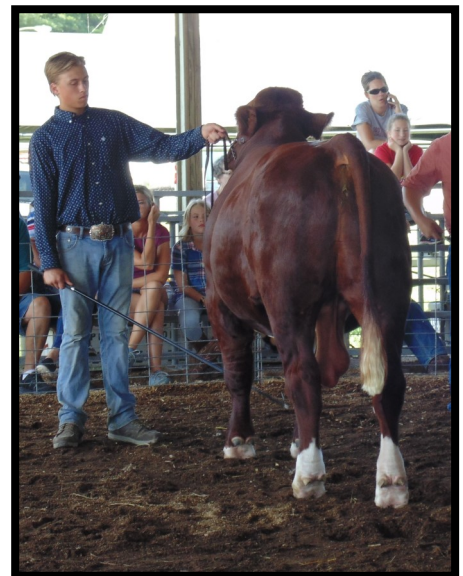


Congratulations to our 2020 4-H Graduates!



Simon Sarginson

Simon is a 2020 Jersey Community High School graduate and a 9 year member of Jersey County 4-H. He is also a member of the All American Clovers 4-H club. Simon's favorite part about 4-H is showing his beef projects at the 4-H Summer shows. After graduation he will be attending Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Ohio. He plans to become a welder. Congratulations Simon!





Ashton Wilson



Ashton is a 2020 Southwestern High School graduate and an 8 year Jersey County 4-H member. She is a member of the Southwestern Hoof n Horn 4-H club and is extremely passionate about her 4-H projects. Ashton says she has learned so much about caring for her goats, feeding routines, fitting her animals, breeding and what it means to love them. What started as a project of two is now a herd of 41 and counting! Ashton will be attending Lewis and Clark Community College in the fall. Congratulations Ashton!



Matilynn Thornsberry

Matilynn is a 2020 graduate of Southwestern High School and a 7 year member of Jersey County 4-H. She is a member of the 4-H club Southwestern Hoof n Horn and describes her favorite part of 4-H as seeing the community support the youth in agriculture at the livestock auction each year. Matilynn will be attending Lincoln Land Community College in the agriculture transfer program. She plans to later attend a 4 year university to earn a bachelors degree in animal embryology. Congratulations Matilynn!

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Allison Brown



Allison is a 2020 graduate of Southwestern High School and a 6 year Jersey County 4-H member. She is a member of the Happy Trails 4-H club. Allison's favorite part about 4-H is exhibiting at the summer Horse Show and cheering on her fellow 4-H members. Allison will be attending Murray State University where she plans to continue her showing career. She will be majoring as an equine nurse with a minor in veterinary tech medicine. Congratulations Allison!

Whitney Lahey



Whitney is a 2020 Southwestern High School graduate and a 12 year Jersey County 4-H member. She is a member of Happy Trails 4-H club. Whitney's favorite part about 4-H is the friendships she has created and getting to show with her best friend. She will be attending Lewis and Clark Community College in the fall and majoring in science. Whitney plans to become a veterinarian. Congratulations Whitney!



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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



2020-2021 ILLINOIS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Applications Due June 1st
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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!



Horse Show Deadlines

****Show is now virtual****

June 13 – 19 – Fair Entry will open for members to submit their entries AND necessary pictures/videos

June 22 – 26 – The judge will log in and review each entry.

By July 6th – Results will be announced.



**KEEP
CALM**
We've Extended
**The
Deadline**

June 10—Deadline to complete YQCA or QAEC Training

A deadline for registering exhibits in the FairEntry Site will be announced after June 1st

**** Please make sure you cash your 4-H premium checks ASAP! ****

SHOW SCHEDULE

****Subject to change pending June 1st announcement****

Cat Show July 10 – 6 p.m. – Ag Pavilion, Jersey County Fairgrounds

Dog Show July 10 – 6:30 p.m. – Ag Pavilion, Jersey County Fairgrounds

Rabbit Show July 11 – 8 a.m. – Show Arena, Jersey County Fairgrounds

Poultry Show July 11 – 10 a.m. – Show Arena, Jersey County Fairgrounds

General Projects Show July 11 – 4 p.m. – Exhibit Building, Jersey County Fairgrounds

Livestock Weigh-in July 12 – 1 p.m. – Show Arena, Jersey County Fairgrounds

Master Showmanship Contest July 12 – 5 p.m. – Show Arena, Jersey County Fairgrounds

Livestock Shows July 13 – beginning at 8 a.m. – Show Arena, Jersey County Fairgrounds