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Fulton County 4-H Newsletter July/August 2021



Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit

Dear 4-H Families:

Summer is in full swing, and 4-H activities are going strong! Enjoy these activities, spend time with your families, and have fun!

I hope you are participating in activities with your 4-H club, and in county and state events, too. The 4-H Pet Show, 4-H General Show, 4-H Horse Show, and the Fulton County Fair will be here soon!

If you want to be eligible for 4-H Awards that are presented at the Achievement Program in November, be sure to get your award application forms turned in to the Extension Office by August 30. *Call 547-3711 to get application forms, or see our website.* More information is in this newsletter and in your 4-H Show Book.

This newsletter is one of our ways of communicating with every 4-H family in Fulton County — show it to your parents!!! As always, call us at 547-3711 if we can help you in any way to get more out of your 4-H experience. **Take time to do something nice for someone!**

Visit our website!

<https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-fulton-county>

**Join the Fulton County 4-H
facebook group!**

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4-H General Show Day, July 10

The 4-H General Show will be held on **Saturday, July 10**, at Cuba Junior-Senior High School.

You have received entry tags and information in the mail for the times your projects are judged. Also see page 3 for times. If you need an entry tag for an Animal Science exhibit, you can get one at the show.

Projects will be released as soon as the judging in that area is completed. No projects can be released until the Best of Show and State Fair Delegates are selected for that project area. For a list of the projects judged at 4-H General Show, please refer to the 4-H Show Book, or call the Extension Office at 547-3711.

If you cannot be with your project at General Show Day, you may have someone else bring it. In that case, it is a good idea to write a paragraph and attach it to your project. Tell how you made your project, and what you learned from completing it. Call the Extension Office at 547-3711 if you have any questions about your project show days.

4-H Show Books

All 4-H families should have a copy of the new 4-H Show Book. The cover **says 2021 on it**. If you do not have one of these new 4-H Show Books yet, please call your 4-H leader or the Extension Office, 547-3711. Discard old 4-H Show Books so there is no confusion in knowing what to exhibit for your projects. The 4-H Show Book can also be found on our website,

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/fulton_county_4-h_show_book_2021.pdf

Current Safety Precautions

Mask-wearing is encouraged for those not fully vaccinated. Social distancing should still be in place, too.

Extra Help Needed At Foodstand

There are a few shifts at the 4-H Foodstand where we need extra workers — If you can help at any of these, please call Janis at 547-3711 to let her know, or email jblout@illinois.edu .

Friday, July 30, 3-7 p.m.

Friday, July 30, 7 p.m. to closing

Saturday, July 31, 3-7 p.m.

Saturday, July 31, 7 p.m. to closing

Please let me know if your club or individuals would help at this shift.

Please let us know if you can help!!!!

4-H Award Applications Are Due August 30

Award applications are due **August 30** in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m., and late applications will not be judged at all. They are always due on the last Monday of August.

Check with your leader or the Extension Office if you have questions about these forms. Award Application forms may be picked up at the Extension Office at any time. A packet of sample forms will be sent to key leaders. They are also on our website,

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/fulton4h/> .

Rules and guidelines for completing Award Applications are found in the back section of the 4-H Show Book, which is also on our website.

4-H Livestock Exhibitor Harness

We have a limited supply of the larger size of these available free of charge to Fulton County 4-H members who exhibit livestock and do not already have one, purchased with donations received in memory of Mary Sue Bennett Black. Stop by the Extension Office to receive one. You may want to call 547-3711 or email jblout@illinois.edu before you drive here, to check on supply level. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8-12 and 1-4:30.

4-H General Show — Saturday, July 10 — Cuba High School

Please arrive 15 minutes ahead of time listed.

Look in 4-H Show Book for what you are to exhibit.

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/fulton_county_4-h_show_book_2021.pdf

Projects	9 a.m.	12 p.m.	3 p.m.
Outside big tent	Beekeeping Entomology Sportfishing Wildlife	Bicycle	Woodworking 1 Welding
Outside big tent	Vegetable Gardening	Electricity Small Engines Tractor Care Robotics Esports Drones	Woodworking 2-4
Outside small tent	Corn Soybeans Plants and Soils	Floriculture	Geology
Lobby	Exploring Your Environment Forestry Natural Resources Outdoor Adventures Weather	Build Your Future Child Development Communications Creative Writing Entrepreneurship Health Journalism My Financial Future	Civic Engagement Collectibles Diversity and Culture Family Heritage Interior Design Leadership Passport To the World Service Learning Theater Arts
Gym	Animal Science Computer Science Exploratory Veterinary Science	Cooking 101	Visual Arts Clay, Glass/Plastic, Leather, Metal, Paper, Wood Visual Arts Scrapbooking
Gym	Photography 1	Cooking 201 Sports Nutrition	Visual Arts Fiber, Heritage Arts
Gym	Photography 2-3 Video	Cooking 301 Food Science	Visual Arts Chalk/Carbon/Pigment
Gym	Aerospace	Cooking 401 Food Preservation	Visual Arts Computer- Generated Arts, Nature, Three-Dimensional Design/Mixed Media Visual Arts Other Non-Original Visual Arts Food Decorating

Attention Leaders — **Secretary and Treasurer Book Printouts Due Soon**

Every 4-H club must submit their Secretary's Book Printout and Treasurer's Book Printout (if they have a treasury) by September 30 every year. If you want them to be eligible for an award, then have them here by August 30.

Submitting these book printouts is a state requirement, and your club will not be re-enrolled for the next year until the book printouts are both submitted.

To County Fair Beef Exhibitors — **Beef Stall Set-Up at County Fair**

Again this year at the County Fair, Beef exhibitors will be allowed to come to the fairgrounds and prepare/bed their stalls on Sunday evening, July 25, between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. Do not bring animals at that time, only bedding materials, etc. **There will be NO bedding/preparing of stalls on Monday, July 26, until 2 p.m. Do not arrive before that time.**

This rule applies to **EVERYONE**.

Livestock Health Requirements At Fairs and Shows

The following website can give you complete, current information on the health requirements to exhibit livestock this summer —

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Animals/AnimalHealth/Documents/2021%20County%20Fair%20Exhibition%20Health%20Requiriements.pdf>

These rules are also listed in the Fulton County Fair Book and in the State Fair books online. If you would like a printed copy of these livestock health requirements, and you cannot access them on the internet, call the Extension Office at 547-3711, and we will gladly mail you a copy.

State Fair Non-Livestock Info

To have your non-livestock project exhibited at State Fair, it must be selected as a State Fair Delegate at one of our 4-H Shows in 2021. 4-H members are allowed to exhibit **only one** non-livestock project at State Fair, if selected to do so.

Projects will be conference-judged. That means that if your non-livestock project is selected for State Fair, and you choose for it to go, you must go with it. You will bring it home that same day. If you cannot go, the opportunity is passed to an alternate. Projects are required to be on display all day.

Our exhibit day for non-livestock projects at State Fair is Friday, August 13. **Complete information will be sent to all members selected.**

I'll see you around...

“You're at everything!” said a young 4-H member to me, after about the third time he saw me at a 4-H event.

That quote has stuck with me ever since. I will retire August 31, 2021 with 40 years of service with University of Illinois Extension, 28 of those years as the Fulton County 4-H Program Coordinator.

I began here full time in April 1981, and also worked here part-time for 14 months during high school, 1976-1977. Between those dates I worked for Spoon River FS in the same building, so I have considered the Farm Bureau Building my second home for over 45 years.

I was here when the first computer was installed in the office, and about five or six people shared it. I remember some of the older office machines here that looked more like factory equipment. I knew many of the 4-H parents of today when they were 4-H members. I have attended weddings, showers, celebrations, and, sadly, memorial services of the many people I have come to know through working for University of Illinois Extension/4-H.

My job has had more variety than most. I have planned 4-H shows and events, supported 4-H volunteers and members, done a lot of writing and publicity, coordinated educational programs, attended meetings and trainings, kept up on all the rules and policies, answered tons of questions, and more. I have tattooed sheep and pigs, and did paperwork when volunteers tattooed steers. I could be speaking to a group of 200 people one day, the next day be setting up for an event, and the next day outside tattooing pigs.

When we would be at countywide 4-H events, my own children used to ask me, “Is this one of those things where we have to be the last ones to leave?” The answer was almost always yes.



Some of my best memories on the job are the people I have worked with, both as co-workers and as 4-H volunteers and members. I love to see the excitement on the faces of young 4-H members when they accomplish something they didn't think they could do, or when they receive an award at our 4-H Achievement Program. I love hearing reports of the community service projects our clubs do, and what a difference they make in their communities.

I hope I have left a small imprint on the 4-H members' lives in a positive way. I have loved my work, and I will miss it.

Please give Krista and all our staff the same devotion to the program that you have given me.

Janis Blout

Hello!

Hello! I would like to take a quick moment to introduce myself to you. My name is Krista Gray and I am both humbled and honored to follow in Janis' (giant) footsteps in the role of 4-H Program Coordinator – Fulton County. Some of you may know me from my previous position in Extension as a SNAP-Ed Community Worker, which I started in October of 2017.



I was raised on a farm in Peoria County where I was a 4-H member focusing on livestock, cooking, and sewing projects. I graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in Agriculture Science and have worked in various ag industry positions prior to my career start with the University of Illinois Extension. I reside with my husband on our farm in rural Lewistown and have two grown children.

I am truly excited to meet the 4-H members and their families in Fulton County!

Krista Gray

Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports Late Summer/Fall 2021 Session



Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports is a Special Interest (SPIN) 4-H Club, shorter in duration, and focusing on one subject.

Disciplines:	Age	Cost	Location	Instructors	Dates	Times
Air Rifle Limit of 8 participants	8-18 as of 9/1/21	\$20 yearly 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	613 West Avenue H, Lewistown	Terry Cremer and Craig Hand	August 15, 22, & 29; September 12, 19, & 26 (six sessions)	1:00 p.m. Lasts about one hour
.22 Caliber Pistol Limit of 5 Participants	10-18 as of 9/1/21	\$20 yearly 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	August 15, 22, & 29; September 12, 19, & 26 (six sessions)	1:00 p.m. Lasts about one hour
Smallbore (.22) Rifle Limit of 5 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/21	\$20 yearly 4-H program fee* plus \$30 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	August 15, 22, & 29; September 12, 19, & 26 (six sessions)	2:00 p.m. Lasts about one hour
Shotgun Limit of 20 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/21	\$20 yearly 4-H program fee* plus \$30 supply fee	Jacob's Field, between St. David and Canton	Lonnie Van Pelt and Lee Roy Knuppel	August 15, 22, & 29; September 12, 19, & 26 (six sessions)	4:00 p.m. Lasts a little over an hour

*If you pay your 4-H program fee through a 4-H community club, you do not need to pay it again. You would still owe the supply fee.

Mandatory Safety Meeting – August 11, 6:30 p.m. at Fulton County Extension Office. Those who attended a Safety meeting in a previous session for the same discipline are not required to come. If you are enrolling in a new discipline this time, you must attend the safety meeting.

How to register – Enrollment packets will be available online soon at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/fulton4h/>, or you may call to have one mailed to you (547-3711), or pick one up in person at the Fulton County Extension Office. You may not enroll online for this; signed forms and payment are required.

Deadline to register – August 10, or earlier if it becomes full. You may sign up for multiple disciplines, as long as they are not at the same time. Spots are filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment and all signed forms must be submitted to reserve a spot. If you need assistance with the fee, contact the Extension Office at 547-3711.

All firearms are provided. The only participants who are allowed to bring their own are the advanced members who have permission from the instructors. Participants will be given eye and ear protection, which they will be responsible for bringing each time to use. If weather causes cancellations, additional dates will be set. *Instructor Lonnie Van Pelt is willing to visit your 4-H club to tell you more about the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Call the Extension Office at 547-3711 for contact information.*

2021 4-H Foodstand Club Schedule

	Monday July 26	Tuesday July 27	Wednesday July 28	Thursday July 29	Friday July 30	Saturday July 31
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	Avondale	Canton Dulotts	Busy Bees	Busy Bees	Country Kids
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Astoria Pirates	Checkrow Volunteers	Fairview Huskies	Pleasant Spacemakers	Fairview Farmers	Canton Luckettes
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Avondale	Checkrow Volunteers	Smithfield Up and Coming	Fairview Huskies	Help needed – please volunteer	Help needed – please volunteer
7:00 p.m. to closing (approximately 10:30 p.m.)	Farmington Lucky Clovers	Jolly Workers	Smithfield Up and Coming	Big Ten	Help needed – please volunteer	Help needed – please volunteer

Each club is responsible for bringing an adequate number of workers, including enough adults. **Do not bring more than 12 people.**

Please do not bring pre-school age children, for safety reasons.

Please arrive on time!

***Mask-wearing is required while
inside the foodstand.***

Use good animal stewardship practices this summer

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our practice of ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our commitment to safe food production practices. While showing livestock, we are under the watchful eye of the public. Many people attending a local fair may have no idea how livestock is raised. Practicing these guidelines may prevent public misconceptions about livestock production.

1. Provide fresh, clean water to animals at all times. Feed animals on schedule.
2. Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
3. Take extra care on days of extreme weather or activity.
4. Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
5. Train animals to led or be handled at a young age, long before the fair.
6. Arrange for veterinary care in case of an animal emergency.
7. Handle animals in a very humane way.
8. Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and feed additive withdrawal times.
9. Avoid stressing the animal.
10. Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
11. Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only, and never forcefully hit an animal.
12. Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations.
13. Have a plan of action should a problem arise, and know which fair official or 4-H leader to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
14. Some words, such as “slaughter” or “killed,” may cause a negative reaction from people unfamiliar with food production. IF ASKED what happens to your market animal after the fair, consider using words such as “harvested” or “sold to packing company.”
15. If questioned or challenged by a stranger or group:
 - Remain calm, be polite, and answer any question the best you can. If you do not know an answer, tell them you will find an adult to explain more.
 - Do not argue or confront an individual or group who may have a different view about livestock production. Individuals may try to initiate a confrontation and use video of the incident on social media. If confronted, walk away, find an adult in authority, or call 911 if you feel threatened.
 - It is natural to think that giving people information will change their minds, but in some extreme cases, people may not want to learn; they want to confront to gain media attention. It is best to walk away without engaging in these situations.

Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit 4-H Staff

In our four-county Extension Unit, a team works together to provide 4-H programming. Each county 4-H Program is separate, but all work together on unitwide events and program planning.

Janis Blout, 4-H Program Coordinator, Fulton County
Krista Gray, 4-H Program Coordinator, Fulton County

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Cathy Ludolph, 4-H Program Coordinator, Peoria County
Katharine Girone, 4-H Program Coordinator, Tazewell County
Emily Schoenfelder, 4-H Youth Educator
Judy Schmidt, Metro 4-H Youth Educator
Earl Allen, County Director

4-H CALENDAR

July

- 10 4-H General Show – Cuba Junior-Senior High School, see page 3 for times
- 14 4-H Pet Show, at the Extension Office, 6 p.m. cats, 7 p.m. other pets
- 26 Dog Care (9:00) and Obedience (10:30) judging, Fairgrounds
- 26-31 Fulton County Fair -- 4-H Livestock Shows; 4-H Clubs Working at Foodstand
 - Tuesday — Poultry 9:00 a.m., Goats 10 a.m., Rabbits 4 p.m.
 - Tuesday — Master Showmanship for those pre-registered, afternoon (time not yet set)
 - Wednesday — Beef and Swine 9 a.m.
 - Thursday — Beef, Sheep, and Swine 9 a.m.
 - Friday — 4-H Fun Horse Show at the County Fair, 10 a.m.

August

- 7 Official 4-H Horse Show -- 9 a.m., at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, Lewistown
- 10 Deadline to sign up for 4-H Shooting Sports summer/fall session (unless spots fill earlier)
- 11 Mandatory Safety Meeting for new 4-H Shooting Sports members, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
- 12-22 Illinois State Fair
- 30 4-H award applications due at the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

September

- 1 First day of the new 4-H Year!!

Extension Office Hours

The Fulton County Extension Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is closed during the lunch hour, 12 noon to 1 p.m. The answering machine is left on when we are out of the office, or when we are away from the phone. Our office is located in the lower level of the Farm Bureau Building, on the north edge of Lewistown.

If you are a person who needs a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of the listed programs or events, contact Janis Blout at University of Illinois Extension, Fulton County Office, 309-547-3711.

Remember what matters this summer...

It's never about winning; it's about being part of something more than yourself.

It's never about being perfect; it's about being your personal best.

It's never quitting, never giving in or giving up,
never selling out or selling yourself short.

It's learning to lose gracefully and win graciously in the ring of life.

It's learning that sometimes the break goes your way and sometimes it doesn't, and there's nothing you can do about it except gain experience for the next time.

It's about respecting your competitor and respecting the rules, and knowing the minute you stop either one, you've lost.

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