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Fulton County 4-H Newsletter

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Dear 4-H Families:

Well.....things are different, aren't they? I have been adapting to working from home, planning events that may or may not happen, and thinking of Plans B, C, etc. I want to see you all, and see your projects — your animals, your creations, your but for most of them I cannot, so I look forward to seeing photos of them and reading about them. Not the same, but we're going to make the best of this. Please read the following pages for more information.

My biggest wish is that you are all healthy and doing well. We'll get through this!

Congratulations to all the 4-Hers who graduated from high school or junior high this spring. Our very best wishes to you as you enter a new phase of your life.

Take time to do something nice for someone else.

This newsletter is one of our ways of communicating with every 4-H family in Fulton County, but it's up to you to read it!!! Email jblout@illinois.edu if we can help you in any way to get more out of your 4-H experience.

Visit our website!

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

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

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No In-Person 4-H Events Through July 31

Our current directive is that we cannot have any in-person 4-H events (meetings, shows, etc.) through July 31. On July 1, we will be notified of events in August. For us, that means the Official 4-H Horse Show, so as of the writing of this 4-H Newsletter, it is still on.

New 4-H Show Book, Plan B Edition

Our office was shut down at the time we were about ready to print the new 4-H Show Book. We do have it posted on our website. The cover **says 2020 on it**. Discard old 4-H Show Books so there is no confusion in knowing what to exhibit for your projects. The new 4-H Show Book Plan B edition can be found at this link —

<https://go.illinois.edu/FultonShowPlanB>

Exhibiting Your 4-H Projects

In the front of the 4-H Show Book you will find instructions on completing your 4-H projects, which we hope you will do. Emails were also sent to all families with an email address on file with us. For most projects, you will send us photos (or a video in some cases) and in most cases, a 4-H Project Report with answers to questions a judge might ask you.

Project photos/videos and reports are due by email or mail at the Extension Office no later than the following dates —

Public Presentations, Performing Arts, and Sewing/Shopping – June 20
Pet Show projects – July 8
General Show projects – July 11
Dog, Livestock – July 20
Horses (if we cannot have August 1st show) – August 1

You can --

·Email to jblout@illinois.edu

Or

·Mail to

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Or

·Bring to the Extension Office (the pictures and report, not the actual projects). Leave in basket in front foyer of Extension Office/Farm Bureau Building.

Projects will be judged and ribbons will be awarded. We are unsure at this time if premiums are available for these virtual project shows.

4-H Award Applications Are Due August 31

Don't let Award Application time sneak up on you this year. Award applications are due **August 31** in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m., and late applications will not be judged at all. The deadline is **always** the last **Monday** in August.

The award application has been updated this year, made simpler. The same one will be used for all ages. As described in the back of the 4-H Show Book, there are also extra types of applications, such as I Dare You, Outstanding First Year Member, Hilda Rock Cooking Award, or others. See our website or email jblout@illinois.edu to have one mailed to you. **They are all on our website** — <https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-fulton-county>
Go to the section called Resources.

Rules and guidelines for completing Award Applications are found in the back section of the 4-H Show Book, also on our website. Award winners from these applications will receive awards at the Achievement Program in November.

4-H Club Pictures Needed

Please send or email the Extension Office some pictures of your club (or individual members) doing 4-H-related activities -- funny things, unusual things, and normal things — by September 1. They will be included in the end-of-year slide show. There is a prize for the person or family that sends in the most “interesting” picture. Pictures can be emailed to jblout@illinois.edu .

Fulton County Fair Canceled For This Year

Much to the sadness of all of us, the Fulton County Fair Board made the difficult decision to not hold this year's Fair. We thank them for their leadership and service. In a statement, they said:

It is with deep regret, that we, The Fulton County Fair Board and Racing Association, have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Fulton County Fair.

Due to the Governor's Executive Order and subsequent Restore Illinois Plan putting so many constraints upon us, and in the best interest of the safety of everyone in attendance, we feel this is the best decision for all concerned.

We want to thank our sponsors, concessionaires, carnival, exhibitors, loyal spectators, and volunteers who contribute so much to the fair's continued success.

The Board endeavors to work throughout the year to make the 2021 Fulton County Fair even better.

*Sincerely,
Fulton County Fair Board and Racing Association*

Master Showmanship Contest

We cannot have a county contest this year, and we don't know yet if a state one will be held. This is a contest where you show all three species of beef, sheep, and swine, which you own or borrow, and you are judged on your showmanship techniques and knowledge. We usually have this contest each year and choose a winner to be our representative in the state contest.

If you are a 4-H member with a Beef, Sheep or Swine project, at least 14 years old as of 9/1/19, email jblout@illinois.edu to let me know if you want information on being the Fulton County participant if there is a state contest. I will send you a link to an application to fill out. We will review the applications, and if there is a state contest, one of the interested 4-H members will be chosen to be our representative. Due July 1.

4-H Horse Project News



4-H members with a horse project will be notified on or soon after July 1 about whether we can have our 4-H Horse Show on August 1. If we can, entry forms will be sent out and/or emailed, and will be due back by July 15. If the show cannot be held, refer to the 4-H Show Book on completing the project by sending in photos and a report.

All horses or ponies that will be brought to any Horse Show **must** have proof of a negative Coggins (Equine Infectious Anemia) test. Health papers will be checked. The Illinois Department of Agriculture rule states, "All Illinois horses more than 12 months of age participating in advertised equine events are required to have a negative test for EIA within the last 12 months." **This will be required for our 4-H Horse Show and all other area Horse Shows.**

YQCA and QAEC

For those enrolled in Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, and Goat (if your project is a live animal) - New statewide requirement this year is that members in these projects must complete **YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals.**

Must be done every year they are in the project. In 2020 it is not possible to offer in-person trainings. Youth may take training online individually. <http://yqca.org> Cost for this is \$12 per person

4-H members who are enrolled in Cat, Dog, Horse, Poultry, or Rabbits are required to complete Quality Assurance and Ethics free online training, one time during their 4-H years, if your project is a live animal. The website for that is – <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

State Fair Canceled

It was announced on June 12 that the Illinois State Fair is canceled for 2020. I know it was very difficult for the organizers to make this decision. We will look forward to 2021.

State Non-Livestock Information

During our 4-H Shows, some non-livestock projects are chosen to go on to exhibit at the State level. This year that judging will also be virtual. We will have more information on this in the coming weeks.

Area Graduates Receive 4-H Scholarships

Through 4-H there are several local scholarships available. These scholarships go to current Fulton County 4-H members who have shown great accomplishments through 4-H. This year Fulton County 4-H presented scholarships to six graduates from four area schools.

Three scholarships were awarded from funds donated in memory of Hilda Rock, a long-time 4-H leader from the Cuba area, by her family. Kyle Spangler received a \$900 scholarship from these funds. Jaelyn Janssen and Tom Janssen each received \$800.

Jaelyn also received the Roberta Mahr Memorial Scholarship of \$100. Roberta Mahr was a former leader of the Farmington Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, and the club continues to fund the scholarship in her memory.

New this year, the \$500 Phillips 4-H Scholarship was presented to Halee Hendel. This scholarship is sponsored by Roger and Cathy Phillips, who wanted to help a deserving 4-H member further his or her education.

Halee also received the Merle L. Jenkins Memorial Agricultural Scholarship of \$150. Merle L. Jenkins, a 1939 graduate of the University of Illinois (B.S. Agriculture), was a long-time supporter of agriculture, youth, and education in Fulton County, including service on the Fulton County Fair Board and Lewistown School Board, agriculture teacher, and a life-long farmer in Fulton County. As an on-going tribute to Mr. Jenkins, family and friends established this scholarship to honor him for his great love of agriculture and education.

The \$500 Gary Eathington Memorial Scholarship was presented to Emma Eathington. Gary was a 40-year 4-H leader who passed away in the fall of 2012. Gary raised cattle and was a big supporter of 4-H and the University of Illinois.

Amy Shaeffer received the Virginia Barnard Memorial Scholarship. Virginia was a Fulton County 4-H Leader for 69 years, who passed away in 2017. This \$500 scholarship goes to a 4-H member pursuing a college education in Agriculture or Home Economics, and who is beginning studies at Spoon River College.

Congratulations to you all!

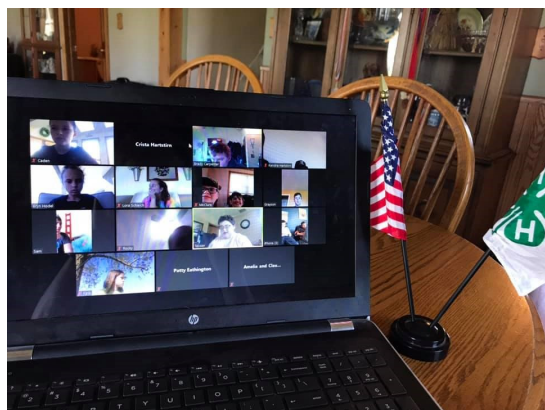
Leaders' Notes

Treasurer and Secretary Book Printouts

At the end of the 4-H fiscal year (8/31), you **must** turn in your club's 4-H Treasurer's record book (unless you do not have a treasury) and the 4-H Secretary's book to the Extension Office. This is required by the state. **Please periodically check** with your treasurer and secretary, to be sure they are keeping track of and working on the book on their computer. **These MUST be turned in.** There are IRS and other rules that mandate this, and it is not optional.

4-H Meetings Via Zoom

If you would like help setting up virtual 4-H club meetings using Zoom, please email me at jblout@illinois.edu . I know several 4-H clubs have met this way. Others are using texts and phone calls to keep in touch.



ANCRA Training

Any NEW 4-H leaders or volunteers must complete ANCRA (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act) Training online, and bring a completed and signed form in to our office. Here is the website —

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/extensionprotection/index.cfm>



...for being a 4-H volunteer leader!

Please encourage all 4-H families to join our Fulton County 4-H Facebook group. It's a great way to stay informed of current 4-H events.

4-H CALENDAR

June

- 20 Project photos/videos and reports due for all projects that would have been shown at 4-H Public Presentations Contest, Performing Arts Night, or Sewing and Textiles Show – see article on page 2 and refer to 4-H Show Book Plan B edition for complete information.

July

- 8 Project photos/videos and reports due for all projects that would have been shown at 4-H Pet Show – see article on page 2 and refer to 4-H Show Book Plan B edition for complete information.
- 11 Project photos/videos and reports due for all projects that would have been shown at 4-H General Show – see article on page 2 and refer to 4-H Show Book Plan B edition for complete information.
- 15 Fulton County 4-H Horse Show entries due at the Extension Office, if event being held
- 20 Project photos/videos and reports due for all projects that would have been shown at the Fair — Dog, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit – see article on page 2 and refer to 4-H Show Book Plan B edition for complete information.

August

- 1 Official 4-H Horse Show -- 9 a.m., at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, Lewistown — or if it is canceled — Project photos/videos and reports due for Horse projects – see article on page 2 and refer to 4-H Show Book Plan B edition for complete information.
- 31 4-H award applications due at the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.

September

- 1 First day of the 2020-2021 4-H Year

Extension Office Currently Closed

Extension staff are working from their homes at the present time, due to the COVID-19 situation. We do not know yet when we will be open to the public. The office answering machine is checked for messages at least once a week. The best way to contact us currently is by emailing jblout@illinois.edu .

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, phone 309-547-3711 or email jblout@illinois.edu .

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.

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