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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

What a unique time to be in 4-H. The impact of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) continues to create uncertainty and concern both globally and here in our community. University of Illinois Extension has released updated guidelines for Extension sponsored events and activities, including summer 4-H general shows and livestock exhibitions. The new guidelines continue to focus on managing the safety of event participants and the communities where these events take place. Our updated event policy follows guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois.

All in-person events sponsored by Illinois Extension through July 5 have been canceled or transitioned to an online delivery format. **4-H shows scheduled from now through July 5 have been transitioned to online virtual showing.** For programs scheduled for July 6 and after, an updated announcement will be provided if or when conditions change and as state officials and Illinois Department of Public Health provide new guidance. Decisions about events beyond July 6 will be publicly communicated by the first day of the month before.

Follow your county 4-H Facebook page and continue to check your email listed in 4-H Online for the latest updates about 4-H. See page 2 for Fair Entry updates.

Your fairbook can be found on our website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-henderson-county> or <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-warren-county>. Scroll to the bottom of the page and look under the "Fairs and Shows" tab. Consider this book your guide to a successful 4-H fair. If we need to make any changes or updates, you will find them in your newsletter.

Yours in 4-H,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Shelby'.

Shelby R. Carlson

4-H Event Update

- May 9 ~ State Robotics Challenge - Canceled
- May 30 ~ Warren County Livestock Judging Contest - Canceled
- June 1 ~ State Fair Junior Horse Entry Forms - Postponed to June 20th
- June 1 ~ Dog and Horse Papers due to Office
- June 8 ~ Deadline for Fair Entry in 4-H Fair-Postponed
- June 15 ~ State Livestock Judging Contest-Moved to Virtual
- June 23 ~ Warren County General Show– Moved to Virtual

Foundation Hall of Fame Ceremony Set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.

Entry Deadlines Approaching

The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show has been extended to June 20. The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show is July 1. The show is open to current Illinois 4-H and FFA members. 4-H membership is 8 to 18, thus youth who were 19 and older on Sept. 1, 2019 and too old for 4-H can only enter as FFA alumni. Your entry forms **MUST** be signed by either the county 4-H office where you are a member or by your local FFA instructor who must verify your membership.

Update: June 1 is Horse Ownership/Lease Papers Due Date

At this time, we are moving the horse ownership/lease paper due date. June 1 is the deadline to file horse ownership/lease papers with the local Extension office. In addition to the ownership/lease papers, a photo of each side of the animals is required. We strongly encourage members who own or lease more than one horse to file paperwork on ALL potential exhibit horses by the deadline. If a horse is injured or dies, it may be replaced **ONLY** by a horse whose paperwork is already on file by the deadline. A horse may only be owned or leased to and exhibited by ONE 4-H or FFA member at the State Fair Junior Horse Show. Download the form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/horse> .

Fair Entry– Henderson County

Due to the challenges presented by COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), Fair Entry will open on **June 5 and close on July 10** for all project exhibits. More directions will be sent to the email listed in 4-H Online. Please send questions to Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu.

Fair Entry– Warren County

Due to the challenges presented by COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), **the 2020 General Project Show will be done virtually**. Fair Entry will open for **General Show Projects on May 26 and close on June 16. All projects will be submitted during that time**. More directions will be sent to the email listed in 4-H Online. Please send questions to Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu.

Fair Entry will open for **Livestock Projects on June 5 and close on July 6**. More directions will be sent to the email listed in 4-H Online. Please send questions to Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu. For this purpose, livestock projects include Beef, Cats, Dairy, Dogs, Goats, Horses, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine.

Keeping in Touch While Keeping Your Distance

Social distancing can cause feelings of isolation when you halt your normal daily routine and seclude yourself from others. To help with this, why not make use of your time at home and start on your “someday” projects?

- **Organize** family pictures. Get the family involved and go through them together. Photos are wonderful triggers for reminiscing about life events and sharing family stories.
- **Declutter** your closets and junk drawers. Sort and Pitch. Have a decluttering party or cleaning competition!
- **Read** for pleasure. Set aside a time each day to read as a family.
- **Get moving** and get outdoors. Take a walk in your yard and notice nature.
- **Reach out to your friends and family** through phone calls, texts, emails, and social media. Bring back the art of letter writing.

Social distancing is a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of disease, but it can also be a gift of time. For more ideas on how to stay busy at home, what you can do in your garden, healthy eating and general wellbeing during this time check out the University of Illinois Extensions Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/UIExtension/>

Beat the Stay at Home Boredom

Check out the Livestock E Quiz. Choose between 3 different levels (Elementary, High School, and College) in any live-stock species. <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/equiz/>

Become a Heart Hunter! Join the thousands of families across the nation by decorating your window(s) with hearts and then go “Heart Hunting” when you go for a family walk around your neighborhood or on your way to the grocery store.

Discover a new recipe, learn how to read food labels, get moving and save money at University of Illinois Extension’s Eat, Move, Save website <https://eat-move-save.extension.illinois.edu/eat>

NEW: 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Certification Field-Day Training Date:

- **Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12** at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica, IL. Register between July 1 - September 2.

The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here’s what you need to do:

- Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. Most Extension offices cover training fees with 2 year commitment from volunteers. Your local Extension staff will complete your registration.
- Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
- Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM.

Note on State Fair Tickets

Do you have an idea for a low cost solution that could help your community battle the current COVID crisis? If so, let us know for your chance to see your idea come to life!

We will provide one person or collaborative team from around the country \$1000 in resources, and guidance to aid in the rapid prototyping of your idea. 5 finalists will be selected and pitch their idea to a panel of content experts as well as Maker and rapid prototyping experts, **live online on Saturday, May 30 on the Illinois 4-H STEM Team YouTube Channel**.

Note on State Fair Tickets

The Extension Office will not have discounted State Fair tickets available for purchase this year. We want you to be flexible to invite anyone to State Fair without the worry of having to buy a ticket. The Sunday price is already reduced and advance tickets would not provide an additional value to families. Hope to see you at our day at State Fair on **Sunday, August 16!**

NEW: 4-H State Scholarship Opportunities

The Illinois 4-H Awards program will be expanding for the 2019-2020 program year! We will be offering five \$1,000 scholarships in each of our program areas. More information, applications and training video will be released prior to May 1st. The applications will be due November 1st. We thank our generous donors and the Illinois 4-H Foundation for providing this opportunity for our members!

See You at the Fair-Policy Update

We can't wait to see you and your projects at the fair! Remember the policies that effect showing at the fair. You had to re-enroll in 4-H by December 1. You needed to enroll in all livestock projects by January 1 and general show projects by March 1. **For this year only, you must attend at least 1 meeting** and give a talk or demonstration (club rules may vary). Talks and demonstrations will have to look a bit different as we practice social distancing. Talk to your club leader for ideas. See page 2 for new Fair Entry deadlines.

Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program

This is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, and Horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants.

Look for These Changes at the Illinois State Fair

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM**. (new release time)
- The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.
- **New projects** at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports
- The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.
- **Ewe lambs** are now eligible for the premier show.
- The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **junior rabbit show** begins August 17.
- Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.
- The office will not have extra admission tickets for the state fair this year. Please plan accordingly.

Fair Interns

4-H members have a great story to tell and we are looking for someone to tell it as a 4-H Fair Intern. 4-H Fair Social Media Interns will assist Extension staff in keeping social media updated, take pictures, design graphics, and write stories during the 4-H fair. For more details and to **Apply by June 1**, visit <https://go.illinois.edu/FairIntern>.

Important Dates for 2020 Illinois State Fair Junior Show

Active 4-H members who are 8 to 18 years of age (9/1/19) are eligible to exhibit in the Illinois State Fair Junior Show. Youth older than 18 may exhibit if active FFA alumni. Below is the tentative schedule for the junior livestock show. Check the Illinois State Fair website for any updates.

ARRIVAL TIMES

- **BEEF:** Performance Cow/Calf must be in place by noon on 8/11
- **BEEF:** Heifers must be in place by noon on 8/11
- **BEEF:** Steers must be in place by 8 PM on 8/11
- **DAIRY:** must be in place by 5 PM on 8/18
- **GOATS:** Meat Goats must be in place by noon on 8/12
- **GOATS:** Dairy Goats must be in place by 8 AM on 8/16
- **GOATS:** Pygmy Goats must be in place by 11 AM on 8/21
- **SHEEP:** Market Lambs must be in place by 8 PM on 8/13
- **SHEEP:** Breeding Sheep must be in place by 9 PM on 8/15
- **SWINE:** Gilts must be in place by 8 AM on 8/12
- **SWINE:** Barrows must be in place by 8 AM on 8/13
- **POULTRY:** must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17
- **RABBITS:** Meat pens must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17
- **RABBITS:** All others must be in place by 3 PM on 8/21

SHOW TIMES

- **SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST BEEF/SHEEP/SWINE:** 7 PM on 8/12
- **SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST DAIRY:** 8:30 AM on 8/22
- **MASTER SHOWMANSHIP:** 7:30 PM on 8/14
- **BEEF:** Showmanship: 1 PM on 8/12
- **BEEF:** Performance Cow/Calf: 8:30 AM on 8/13
- **BEEF:** Heifers: AOB, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Maine Anjou, Maintainer: Time TBA on 8/13
- **BEEF:** Heifers: Angus (at 8:30 AM), Limousin, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, %Simmental: on 8/14 (other breed times TBA)
- **BEEF:** Steers: 8:30 AM on 8/15
- **DAIRY:** Brown Swiss: 9 AM on 8/19
- **DAIRY:** Holstein: 1 PM on 8/19
- **DAIRY:** Guernsey: 9 AM on 8/20
- **DAIRY:** Ayrshire: 1 PM on 8/20
- **DAIRY:** Milking Shorthorns: 9 AM on 8/21
- **DAIRY:** Jersey: 1 PM on 8/21
- **GOATS:** Breeding Meat Goats: 8 AM on 8/14
- **GOATS:** Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show on 8/14
- **GOATS:** Market Meat Does: after wether show on 8/14
- **GOATS:** Dairy Goats: 9 AM on 8/16
- **GOATS:** Pygmy Goats: 8:30 AM on 8/22
- **SHEEP:** Market Lambs: 8 AM on 8/15
- **SHEEP:** Breeding Sheep: 8 AM on 8/17
- **SWINE:** Showmanship: 5 PM on 8/13
- **SWINE:** Gilts: 7:30 AM on 8/14
- **SWINE:** Barrows: 7:30 AM on 8/15
- **POULTRY:** 10 AM on 8/17
- **RABBITS:** Meat Pens 10 AM on 8/17
- **RABBITS:** All Others 9 AM on 8/22

RELEASE TIMES

- **BEEF CATTLE:** released after 5 PM (or after all steer classes have shown) on 8/15
- **DAIRY CATTLE:** released after 4 PM on 8/22
- **MEAT GOATS:** released after the meat goat show on 8/14
- **DAIRY GOATS:** released after the dairy goat show on 8/16
- **PYGMY GOATS:** released after the pygmy goat show on 8/22
- **MARKET SHEEP:** released after the market show on 8/15
- **BREEDING SHEEP:** released after the breeding show on 8/17
- **SWINE:** released after the barrow show on 8/15
- **POULTRY:** released after the poultry show on 8/17
- **MEAT PEN RABBITS:** release after the show on 8/17
- **ALL OTHER RABBITS:** release 8/23

Mark Your Calendar With 2020 Dates

May 26	Fair Entry Open for Warren County General Show
June 5	Fair Entry Open for Warren County Livestock Show
June 5	Fair Entry Open for Henderson County Shows
June 16	Fair Entry Closes for Warren County General Show
June 23	Warren Co General Show– Virtual
July 6	Fair Entry Closes for Warren County Livestock Show
July 10	Fair Entry Closes for Henderson County Shows
July 14	Warren County Fair Set Up
July 14	Warren Co Dog/Cat Care
July 15-16	Warren County Livestock Shows
July 19-25	Henderson County Fair
July 20	Henderson/Warren County Horse Show
July 21	Henderson/Warren County Dog Show
July 27-August 2	State Fair Junior Horse Show
August 16	Our day at the State Fair





Happy Birthday To You, Happy Birthday To You.....

A very Happy Birthday to all the 4-H members born in May!
We want to celebrate with you! Please stop into the Extension office
anytime once we reopen to pick out a 4-H birthday gift
and let us wish you a "Happy Birthday."

Quincy Dodds, Bald Bluff Blue Ribbons
Hayden Redman, Bald Bluff Blue Ribbons
Karsen Redman, Bald Bluff Blue Ribbons
Brecken Johnson, Raritan Explorers
Joe Crum, Happy Hustlers
Miya Alderson-Thomas, Willing Workers
Braxton Keenan, Willing Workers
Levi Meadows, Willing Workers
Colton Russell, Willing Workers
Grace Simmons, Willing Workers



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