



July 2020

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employment. If you need a reasonable
accommodation to participate in this
program, please contact your county
Extension Office**Dear 4-H Families and Friends,**

Thank you to all of the members and families that submitted entries in this year's virtual 4-H show! We are so excited to see our members' hard work! Judges will be judging virtually through July 19. We hope to have the results to you shortly after the close of judging. An awards ceremony will be announced at a later date. Projects may be featured on the Knox County Facebook page.

Please send any questions to Nicole at nenelso2@illinois.edu.

Your 4-H Team,

Lisa, Shelby, Nicole, Julian, and Avis

JOIN THEM!

Virtual Spirit Week

July 13-17more details
on our Facebook
page and in
the Hilite

MEET OUR

**2020 KNOX
COUNTY 4-H**

FAIR INTERNS

**FOLLOW THEIR
ADVENTURES**
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**Paige
Nimrick**



Cloverbud virtual show

Contact Nicole to set up a
time for Zoom judging
any day in July!



VIRTUAL SPIRIT WEEK



Monday, July 13 - Memory Making Monday

Your time in 4-H goes by fast, but the memories that are made last a lifetime. Submit a photo of you making a 4-H memory!

Tuesday, July 14 - Talkative Tuesday

What's a special friendship that you have made throughout your time in 4-H? Send in a picture of someone you have met at the fair or even at 4-H camp!

Wednesday, July 15 - Show Wear Wednesday

Livestock show or General show, it doesn't matter! Send in your show attire with a picture of your favorite outfit.

Thursday, July 16 - Thank You Thursday

Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community, and feel good about it! Submit a picture to show what you have done to give back to the Knox County community.

Friday, July 17 - 4-H Club Day

Each year, there are always a lot of projects submitted into, both, the General show and Livestock show. Comment a picture of your favorite project so far!

Each day submit a picture that goes along with Spirit Week. Submissions can be made in the comment section of Paige and Emma's post for each day of the week. You can find each post on Facebook @Knox4-H

Hall of Fame Honoree

Congratulations to Pete Holmes! Pete was chosen to represent Knox County 4-H as the 2020 inductee to the Illinois Hall of Fame. Pete has been a lifelong 4-H member. Pete is a current leader of Wataga Trailblazers where his passion for service and livestock inspires his members. Pete will be honored locally this fall at the Salute to Excellence Knox County 4-H Award Banquet.



Foundation Hall of Fame Ceremony Set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the 4-H Hall of Fame in 2005 to provide an opportunity to annually recognize exceptional 4-H alumni, 4-H volunteers, and former 4-H staff that have a track record of extraordinary career achievement or exemplary service to 4-H. With the cancellation of the Illinois State Fair, the Illinois 4-H Foundation is exploring alternative ways to honor the accomplishments of our newest inductees. Each inductee will be added to our "virtual" 4-H Hall of Fame.



Farmer's Forecast

Please submit all Farmer's Forecast articles and JPG photos to nenelso2@illinois.edu. Articles are due no later than the 26th of the month at 11:59 PM. Need Ideas about what to write? Just ask!

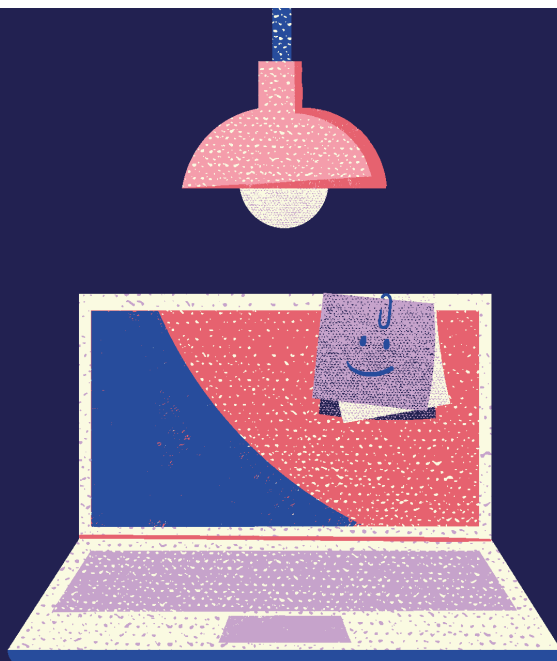
August: Bracken Busy Bees

September: Cameron Kids

October: Delong Livestock

November: Hague Hustlers

December: Happy Hustlers



Knox County 4-H Annual Meeting



Join us on July 20th for
Annual Meeting and Officer Induction!

More details to come on our Facebook Page

I PLEDGE...MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

State Fair Information



The Illinois 4-H State General Project Show will be held virtually

- Youth with multiple state show nominations will need to select only **one project category** to advance to state competition. Youth should confirm their choice with county staff by **Wednesday, July 29**. Alternates will have the option of being advanced in those project areas where the state nominee has selected a different project.
- Youth may also be part of one virtual group project exhibit (in leadership or in intercultural) advancing to state competition.
- Youth may exhibit in the virtual state public speaking contest AND participate in another project area for the state General Project Show. Since it is a separate contest, cash premiums are not awarded for public speaking, though other awards are provided.
- We anticipate that online judging for the State 4-H General Project Show will still take place in August after all of our county-level 4-H judging events are completed. Because of the limited capacity of the virtual platform, we will not be able to complete all judging in the same 3-day period. We expect this will be spread out over 2 to 3 weeks in August. We plan to continue judging in three “cohorts” as we would have done in person; counties assigned to Friday will be judged independent of those assigned to Saturday and Sunday. First and second place awards will be identified in each project class and “inspire” awards will be identified by judges. As we figure out the timing for online judging and posting of results, we will communicate that with 4-H stakeholders via our Illinois 4-H website.
- The Illinois Department of Agriculture has expressed their intent to provide premiums to qualifying exhibits as in the past. Public viewing of 4-H exhibits will remain an important part of the virtual event. The Illinois State 4-H General Project Show exhibit documentation will be posted for online viewing for 2 weeks after the conclusion of judging. Eligibility for Agriculture Premium Funds is contingent on this access to the public. *If an exhibitor chooses to not have their project posted for public viewing, they may request this with the understanding that they will forfeit any premium funds.*
- Once the judging is complete, members will be able to log in and review the judges feedback.

State Fair Delegate & Alternate Selection

State Fair Delegates and Alternates will be selected in addition to being assigned a Blue, Red, or White rating. Members will be notified if they have been selected as a delegate in the week following judging. You will have until **July 29 by 11:59 pm** to notify Nicole if you would like to show at the virtual state show and which project you would like to send (if you were selected for multiple projects).

State Dog Show

This year's State 4-H Dog Show will be held online. Counties will promote members to the state show in FairEntry for those youth that qualify. Exhibitors can use their county videos or create new ones. Members will not be promoted until their videos are ready if they choose to create a new video. The same classes and patterns will be used at the county and state show level. If you are selected, you need to notify your program coordinator and submit any new videos by **August 12**.

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>

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JUNIOR HORSE SHOW

August 29-30, 2020 (English Show Portion)

September 5-6, 2020 (Western Show Portion)

Open to ages 8-21. Held at Du Quion State Fairgrounds, Du Quion, IL

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THE THROWDOWN

A WESTERN IL SHOWDOWN



12 COUNTY JACKPOT

ALL 4-H & FFA MEMBERS

WITHIN THE 12 WESTERN IL COUNTIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND

STATE FAIR AGE ELIGIBILITY RULE WILL BE FOLLOWED

JULY 31ST - AUGUST 1ST 2020
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!
CASH PAYOUTS AND PRIZES
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MASON FLACK | MAX LOOK
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GRANT MALONE | AJ LINE
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<http://www.throwdown309.com/>

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FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY AND MY WORLD



LOOKING FOR HELP SEWING MASKS!

The Galesburg Rotary Club is looking for clubs, members, and/or parent volunteers to help make masks for Galesburg area schools. They would love our talented 4-H members to help out and volunteer to make these masks. This is a great way to check off some boxes on your Experience App! If you have any questions please contact Becky McCracken 309-337-3630 or Harold Waters at 309-368-1092.

ILLINOIS 4-H STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Will be held virtually via LivestockJudging.Com

July 16, 9am - July 17, 5pm

REGISTER BY JULY 13 at <https://go.illinois.edu/statejudging>

- Juniors 8 – 13, Seniors 14 – 18 years of age as of January 1st.
- Questions on 3 classes
- 3 sets of reasons for Senior division only
- Senior and Junior division teams made up of 4 individuals – Judge 4 individuals and count the top 3 individuals.

Send questions to Dan Jennings (djennin@illinois.edu)



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Contest Details

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JOIN US FOR THE FUN 4-H FAMILY LEARNING CHALLENGE!



Have fun, find new hobbies, try new things, get some 4-H swag, and grow closer as a family in this work at your own pace challenge! **Learn how to:** Program a simple computer game, research your family history, bake some AMAZING bread, create a business plan, give back to the community, and so much more! Plus, if you complete all the challenges by the end of July, you will receive an **AWESOME 4-H Swag Bag** (while supplies last!) sponsored by the State 4-H Office and the Illinois 4-H Foundation! So what are you waiting for? Sign up, share with your friends, and let's have some fun!! **SIGN-UP AT:** go.illinois.edu/FamilyChallenge

ILLINOIS 4-H OPEN SOURCE AG

With the generous support of the BRANDT Corporation, Illinois 4-H is entering into the initial phases of a new program where youth can get hands-on experience with cutting edge Ag Technologies. With the support of U of I and our business partners, youth will have the opportunity to work directly with a team of specialists in the State Office as well as collaborate with U of I Undergraduate students. Thanks to the help of our student interns from the Crop Science department, we are nearing the completion of our first FarmBot prototype on campus at the Student Sustainable Farm. If you know a young person interested in innovative applications for technology in agriculture, please contact Mark Becker, Illinois 4-H Food Systems Specialist for more details at mbbecker@illinois.edu.





TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE TIMELINE EXTENDED TO JULY 31, 2020!

4-H members and clubs have been engaged in amazing The *True Leaders in Service*, designated day of service may have passed however we are asking Illinois 4-H Clubs to keep the momentum going as they continue to focus on the 4th “H” and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Even though Illinois has moved into the Phase 3, the *Recovery* stage of the COVID-19 response, communities are still in need of support. **To meet this need we are extending the timeline for 4-H Clubs to go through July 31, 2020!**

Illinois 4-H’ers have been collaborating virtually as they collected and donated food to stock the shelves at local food pantries experiencing greater needs; making cards, videos, and encouraging yard signs to support vulnerable populations including shut-ins and senior center residents; and they have put their sewing skills to work as they made face masks which were distributed at medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

Find resources and the link to register your plan for service outreach at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service outreach is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this is your time to make a difference!

4-H LIVE

Despite a global pandemic, Illinois has not stopped doing amazing things. Illinois 4-H LIVE is an opportunity for young people to be highlighted and recognized for their talent, skill & passion for the creative and performing arts. U of I Extension staff will establish regional competitions online, allowing top performers from around the state to compete in an online statewide showcase in the Fall of 2020. This showcase will provide an opportunity to recognize the achievements of Illinois youth and celebrate the importance of sharing art and creativity during difficult times. Fall dates for Regional 4-H LIVE competitions will be released soon. For more information, contact Mark Becker (mbbecker@illinois.edu)

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

We are so excited to announce a new series Illinois 4-H will be launching in August, 2020. Be on the lookout for updates on the *4-H Volunteer Cafe Conversation* series. This will be an opportunity for volunteers across Illinois to meet and chat with volunteers to discuss timely topics, share ideas, and access tools & techniques to support 4-H club and member learning experiences. We will be posting topics and dates on the Illinois social media and email!

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/>

Club Reports

Club Report Submissions are due by the 26th of each month by 11:59 PM to Nicole, nenelso2@illinois.edu
Please keep your submissions to a maximum of 200 words to ensure space for all club reports.

Delong Livestock Report by Cora Buchanan The meeting was on June 14th at 1:00 P.M. Andy Bates did a talk on cattle. Breena and Ciara Shreeves did their talks on cattle. Katlynn and Dalton Engel did their talks on cattle. Jack Link did hogs and Kit Hopkins did sheep and horses. July 3rd is the deadline for all 4-H projects. Kit Hopkins motioned to adjourn the meeting and Katlynn Engel seconded the motion.

Beat the Stay at Home Boredom

Check out the Livestock E Quiz. Choose between 3 different levels (Elementary, High School, and College) in any livestock 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:

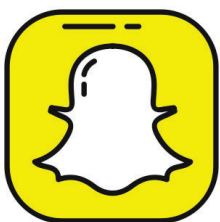
- **Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12** at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica, IL. Register between July 1 - September 2.

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.

Mark Your Calendar With 2020 Dates

July 11-19	Knox County 4-H Virtual Show Judging
July 13-14	Knox County 4-H Virtual Spirit Week
July 13-31	Cloverbud Judging via Zoom appointment (contact nenelso2@illinois.edu)
July 29	State Delegate & Alternate selections due to nenelso2@illinois.edu
August 12	State Dog Show Delegate selections and videos due to nenelso2@illinois.edu
July 20	Annual Meeting & Officer Induction via Zoom



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