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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

We are just a couple of weeks away from the Knox County 4-H Fair! I hope you are getting excited to display the projects you have worked hard on all year. Here are a few updates on the show so that you can feel prepared. Please read carefully and reach out if you have any questions

- Our **COVID Policies** from May 25 are still in place. Make sure to become familiar with them before attending our shows. You can find the information on the following page.
- **Updated Show Schedule** can be found on our website under "Fairs and Shows" Note that there are assigned *club start times for the General Show* to help space out members in case our policies restrict us once again. This may be lifted if our policies stay in place and will be announced the week of our show.
- The **Federation Food Stand** will only be a Drink Stand this year with Lemon Shake-Ups and Popsicles during the Livestock Shows on July 12 and 13. Members and clubs will not be asked to assist this year. A small food stand will also be held at the Horse Show.
- **Additional Concessions and Food** will be provided by Henn House this year. At the moment, their plan is to serve hamburgers, pulled pork, pulled pork nachos, nachos, hot dogs, mac n cheese, chips, candy, and drinks. These items are subject to change. We are excited to have them this year and can't wait to support our alumni and local business!
- **Clothing participants** should plan to drop off their projects at the office by noon on **Friday, July 9** so that the judge has enough time to look over your project prior to judging the following day. If you have issues with this timeline, please let me know immediately.
- **Virtual General Show participants** will be contacted about a Zoom meet time soon. In order to be eligible for special awards, you must participate in the Zoom judging **AND** make sure your project is brought to the General Show on July 10.
- Those participating in our **livestock shows** are allowed to stall on the grounds or show off the trailer. Whatever your decision, you will need to make sure your area is cleaned up before leaving for the day. Auxiliary Sherriff Dept. will be on grounds overnight for anyone that needs to bring in animals the night before the show.
- **Pullorum Testing** will not be required for Poultry projects coming to our shows this year as our show only lasts one day.
- **Master Showmanship** (Monday, July 12 @ 5 pm) participants are asked to register in FairEntry by July 11. This is new, so please let me know if you have any issues. You will need to prepare a bit more in advance this year since livestock are coming in and out for our one-day shows. If you wish to participate and do not have one of the species required to show (beef, sheep, swine), reach out to your club members and friends and see if you can borrow one of their animals.

Our Honoree—Jeanne Gardner! Congratulations to Jeanne, our 2021 Hall of Fame Nominee! Jeanne Gardner is a 28-year leader in Knox County. She has led her club, Bracken Busy Bees, with a dedication and passion that is second to none. Although she did not start her journey with 4-H as a member, she saw the value in 4-H and committed her service to giving an incredible experience to our youth. Jeanne is a role model in Knox County because of her commitment to serving others. She has a quote from President Bill Clinton on her fridge. It says, "If every kid in America were in 4-H, we'd have about half the problems we've got." It is evident that she has a passion to make the best better.



FAIR INFORMATION

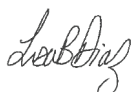
4-H COVID Update

Thank you so much for your continued support this past year as we made the necessary changes to protect the health of our 4-H community. This summer, we are excited to be able to return to in-person versions of our events! In line with the latest guidelines from campus, the following will be in place on or before June 30th at all 4-H events:

- The university will no longer require fully vaccinated people to wear face coverings or practice social distancing indoors or outdoors. “Fully vaccinated” means 14 days after your final dose.
- Face coverings for youth under 12 and people who are not fully vaccinated will be required indoors. Masks may be removed outdoors only when it is possible to maintain social distance of at least 6 feet.
- These policies are grounded in the honor code. Participants will self-identify as vaccinated or unvaccinated; staff will not verify vaccination status for staff, youth, families, or volunteers. The 4-H program teaches youth the values of honesty and integrity and this is a chance for us all to model and represent those principles. Youth will continue to pay attention to not only our words, but also our actions.

We know this has been a year of making painful sacrifices to help stop the spread of a global pandemic, and we are humbled by the care you have taken to keep each other safe. Last summer, in the midst of the pandemic, we successfully moved to a virtual version of 400+ 4-H showcase events. As we go forward into this next phase, we know we will continue to be stronger together, whatever comes our way. We will keep aligning with CDC, IDPH, and campus guidelines and will update you on any changes. We are looking forward to seeing you this summer at 4-H events!

Dr. Lisa Bouillion Diaz, 4-H Assistant Dean and Director



Mobile Friendly Fair Book

Our Fair Book draft is live! Unsure what you need to bring to the 4-H Fair for each project? Have no fear! Our website is smart device friendly! Just go to our website <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> and look under “Fairs and Show”. The schedule has been added but is subject to change due to the updated COVID policies. Updated schedule will be released for the General Show once the FairEntry deadline has passed.

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.

Check out the masters at this year’s state fair

Each county may send one entry into the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. The contest begins at 7 p.m. **Friday, August 13**. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/20). You need to supply your own animals for the contest, but may make arrangements to borrow animals from exhibitors at the fair. The contest is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio.

Knox County’s Master Showmanship Contest will be held during the Showmanship classes during the Beef, Sheep, and Swine shows. The participant with the highest score at the end of fair week will represent Knox County during the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. ***We ask that you register for the Master Showmanship Class in FairEntry under Master Showmanship.***

Our Day at the State Fair

Mark your calendars Knox County’s day to exhibit General Show projects at the Illinois State Fair is **Sunday, August 15**. To help plan ahead we are sharing that parking passes for the State Fair will **NOT** be available to purchase ahead of time in our offices. This is to help mainstream the parking process on the fairgrounds.

State Fair junior show entry deadline

The deadline to enter the Junior Livestock Show is July 15. 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, 2020 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.

Year-End Reports Due September 15

Year-end reports include the Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, 4-H Club/Group Awards and Member Awards.

- **4-H Club Annual Financial Statement:** All 4-H clubs with a checking or savings account must complete both pages of the **4-H Club Annual Financial Statement** form at the end of each 4-H year (Sept. 1 – Aug. 31). Submit this statement along with other required forms and officer books to the Extension office by **August 31**. The financial statement includes a report of income and expenses for the 4-H club checking account (page 1) and/or savings account (page 2). The club treasurer and club leader must sign on page 2 of this form to verify that the information is correct. Also on page 2, the Fiscal Review Committee (a group of 2 or 3 youth and adults who do not have signatory rights on the club's bank account(s) must review the financial records of the 4-H club for the past year and sign to indicate that they have found everything in good order. This is a required step from IRS. Your club can not be re-enrolled for the new 4-H year until this is received in the Extension office.
- **Secretary's Book:** Are club meeting minutes up-to-date, and have they been signed/approved by the club President (or whoever was presiding over the meeting when the club approved them)? The Secretary's Record Book is the permanent record of your club's activities and decisions this year, so it is more important than you may think. Your minutes are the official record of your club's financial decisions too—documentation of approval of spending money is required to back up your club's account activities. This needs to be completed **BEFORE** they are due and **BEFORE** club officers leave for college or get busy with school activities.
- **4-H Club/Group Awards:** The report requires youth and adult input from volunteers and members on what the club has completed over the past year in a specific 4-H curriculum area (like Engineering & Technology, Agriculture, or Food, Nutrition & Health). Clubs can submit an application in any or each of the seven 4-H project focus areas.
- **4-H Member Awards:** If you were an active member of your 4-H club, you qualify for one or more 4-H awards. A list of awards you may be eligible for is available on our website. Visit our website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> more information.



National 4-H Congress will be held **November 26-30, 2021** in Atlanta, Georgia. This will be the centennial celebration of this event and a once in a lifetime opportunity!

National 4-H Congress is a world class event that is diverse, authentic, and challenge oriented. The workshops will be laser focused on the 4-H mission, the service-learning experiences promise to be hands-on, the speakers will be engaging and entertaining, and there will plenty of opportunities for networking and recreational activities. 4-H teens, ages 14-18 (as of January 1, 2021) are welcome to apply for this once in a lifetime opportunity!

How do teens become a part of the Illinois 4-H Delegation:

- Complete the National Congress Application by **August 1, 2021** <https://form.jotform.com/211684793089166>
- There are spots for TEN Illinois 4-H teens to participate. National Congress Application will be used to select the ten Illinois teens. The Illinois 4-H Foundation has secured scholarship funds for the 10 selected delegates.
- Cost – The total cost this year is \$2,000 per participant. Selected youth will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to the event provided by Illinois 4-H. Up to \$300 could be covered by Knox County 4-H, leaving your cost around \$200
- Program Content – To learn more about National 4-H Congress visit <http://national4-hcongress.com/> or check them out on social media. There is a delegate handbook that will contain details of the event and an example schedule (note- not updated for 2021 yet).

Dates to Remember

July 9	DEADLINE: Clothing & Textiles Project Drop Off by Noon
July 10	Tentative-General Show, Clothing Show & Cloverbud Show
July 11	DEADLINE: Master Showmanship Registration in FairEntry
July 12-13	Tentative-Livestock Shows
July 11- 23, 2021	Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience
July 15	DEADLINE: ISF Junior Livestock Show Registration
July 17	Tentative-Horse Show
July 24	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Camp Gardner in Hull
July 25 – August 1	ISF Junior Horse Show
August 1	DEADLINE: National 4-H Congress Application
August 15	State Fair Day—Knox County
August 28	State 4-H Dog Show

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!

July: Victoria Cloverleaf
October: Williamsfield T&C

August: Walnut Grove Progressors
November: Willing Workers

September: Wataga Trailblazers
December: Backcountry Braves

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 Dylan Nimrick The June Meeting of the Delong Livestock 4-H Club was called to order at 1:02pm on Sunday, June 13th. After pledges and officer reports, we discussed old business. We heard about the Livestock Judging Contest and the last Federation Meeting. We then discussed new business from the Hi-Light. After new business, we had our last talks and demonstrations for the year. The meeting was adjourned. We then took tours of the Hopkins and Link Farms. It was fun to see their livestock projects.



As of June 5th, Knox County has 4-H trained rifle instructors. Classes will start in July on the third Saturday to run concurrently with the Pistol program through September. The location will be at the Knox County Sheriff range; 996 Knox Road 2150 North Wataga, IL 61448.

The dates will be **July 17th, August 21st and September 18th**. The time will be split between the two disciplines.

Pistol 2:00pm to 3:30pm and Rifle 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

Instructors will be Mr. Jeff Pemberton and Mr. Sam Holman



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2021 4-H FAIR WEEK

Pre-Fair Deadlines

Friday, July 9 by Noon - Clothing & Textiles Drop-off constructed clothing exhibits at
Knox Agri Center for state fair eligibility

Sunday, July 11 by 11:59 pm - Master Showmanship Registration in FairEntry

Saturday, July 10 - General Projects

Location: Knoxville High School, 600 E. Main St Knoxville, IL

9:30 am - Judging begins for General Show, Clothing Exhibits, and Cloverbud Projects

Clubs will have staggered start times and are as follows. These start times may be lifted if our current COVID restrictions stay in place. This will be announced the week of the show.

9:30 am – Bracken Busy Bees, Cloverleaf, DeLong Livestock, Henderson Aggies, K'Ville Clovers, and Knox County Power Clovers

10:30 am – Rio Livestock and Rusty Spurs

11:30 am – Union, Walnut Grove Progressors, Wataga Trailblazers, and Williamsfield Town and Country

2:00 pm - State Fair Selections Made

2:30 pm - Displays open to public

3 pm - Rocket Launch (Knoxville High School practice field)

4:30 pm - Fashion Revue, 4-H Federation Annual Meeting, and Awards Ceremony

Monday, July 12 - Livestock Shows

Location: Knox County Fair Grounds, 1392 Knox Hwy 9, Knoxville, IL

Goat & Sheep

7:00 am - Goat/Sheep Check-In

8:30 am - Goat judging – beef/swine show ring

Sheep judging – beef/swine show ring

Beef, Bucket Calf & Dairy Cattle

7 am – 9 am - Beef Weigh-In (must be on the fairgrounds by 8 am)

11 am - Beef judging begins at 11 am at the earliest or following the Goat & Sheep show

Heifer judging – beef/swine show ring

Bucket Calf judging – beef/swine show ring

Dairy Cattle judging – beef/swine show ring

Steer judging – beef/swine show ring

5:00 pm - Master Showmanship



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2021 4-H FAIR WEEK

Tuesday, July 13 - Livestock Shows

Location: Knox County Fair Grounds, 1392 Knox Hwy 9, Knoxville, IL

Rabbits

7 am – 8 am - Rabbit Check-In

8:30 am - Rabbit judging – poultry barn

Poultry

7 am – 9 am - Poultry Check-In

10:00 am - Poultry judging – poultry barn (or following the rabbit show)

Swine

7:00 am - All swine projects must be on the fairgrounds

7 am – 8 am - Swine Weigh-In

10:00 am - Swine judging – beef/swine show ring (Barrows followed by Gilts)

2:00 pm - Ag Games & Ice Cream Social Hosted by Knox County Farm Bureau & Young Farmers

Wednesday, July 14

Location: Knox County Fair Grounds, 1392 Knox Hwy 9, Knoxville, IL

5 pm - 7 pm - Fairgrounds Cleanup

Saturday, July 17 - Horse Show

*Location: Lake Storey Park Bursie Williams Horse Arena, Cottonwood Ln, Galesburg, IL 61401
(across from the Carl Sandburg College Entrance)*

Please note that helmets are required for all mounted classes at the 2021 4-H Horse Show.

8:00 am - Horse show registration

9:00 am - Horse show

Watch your email and the Knox County 4-H Social Media Pages
for any updates to the schedule!



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