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4-H Courier

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"To Make the Best Better"

Special Fair Issue

This is the Fair Issue of the 4-H Courier Newsletter. The 4-H Fair is the culmination of our 4-H year. Although participation is not required for 4-Hers, I highly encourage it. This is a time for our members to build confidence, share what they learned, what challenges did they face, and how they are overcome those difficulties.

As you are aware the Jo Daviess County 4-H Fair will look different this year. To make this a little easier on everyone, I have tried to take important information and highlight it here. I would also HIGHLY encourage you to look at the fair program book and take note of any changes that are taking place in 2021. 4-H Staff has also created an area on our website that will be dedicated to this year's shows specifically. Please use this as your main resource.

Please take the time to read this newsletter and check out the information that pertains to your family. This is new for everyone and there may be some updates and changes along the way. You will find the proposed fair schedule (times will be adjusted when I get the number of entries in each area), livestock details, auction details, and more.

Once again, we find ourselves in a new situation in regards to our summer shows. I would ask that you keep in mind that the policies, guidelines, dates, times, schedules, etc. have been set to keep each person safe, to meet the requirements set by the IL Department of Public Health, University of Illinois, and the JDC Health Department.

Remember we are resilient, we are adaptable, and most importantly we want our kids to have something that looks a little "normal"! I look forward to seeing your 4-Hers work and all their exhibits. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact me using my temporary number **815-858-2273** or by email amilr11@illinois.edu.

**FAIR REGISTRATION
WILL BE OPEN
May 24-June 13.**

- *Angela Miller*

COVID GUIDELINES FOR SUMMER SHOWS

ILLINOIS 4-H COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING & SAFETY PRACTICES:

The following COVID-19 social distancing/safety practices reflect requirements of Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols may be modified to reflect requirements of local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event. In line with the latest guidelines from campus, the following will be in place on or before June 30 at all 4-H events:

1. 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. Below are the updated policies for summer shows.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
5. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous Seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact us directly at 815-858-2273. We are happy to discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event.

Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

Please pay special attention to the fair absentee form and the form for special accommodations in the event something happens and you need it.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ENTRY DEADLINES FOR THE JO DAVIESS COUNTY 4-H FAIR- All 4-Hers must have their online fair entries submitted by June 13, 2021. The system will close at midnight on June 13. To access the fair entry site visit: <http://jodaviess4-hfair.fairentry.com>.

All fair entries must be made online. You may use a smartphone, tablet, or computer. **FAIR REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE DONE USING 4-H ONLINE,** however you will use your 4-H Online username and password. **IF YOU CANNOT REMEMBER YOUR LOGIN INFORMATION– DO NOT WAIT TO ASK FOR HELP.**

Every 4-H member eligible to exhibit at our summer shows will be required to enter the number of entries they plan to exhibit. This includes our Cloverbud members. This needs to be an accurate number. **DO NOT REGISTER ENTRIES UNLESS YOU ARE POSITIVE THAT YOU WILL BRING IT.** Unfortunately with the change this year– I need an accurate count. This is not the year to register for 20 exhibits and bring 10.

It is also REALLY important to get your exhibit registered in the correct area. There will be no switching exhibits from one class to another the day of. If you realize you made a mistake– you must contact me IN ADVANCE.

Family instructions on how to register in Fair Entry are online. These instructions will help you

- register exhibits
- adding more than one entry for the same member
- adding entries for a different member before submitting for approval
- submitting entries

And last but not least....

- rejected entries

The instruction sheet has example screen shots to help you know what to look for and where to go next. This should make the process much easier. I strongly encourage you to use the instructions so you can follow along step-by-step.

For those of you who receive the dreaded “Rejected Entries” email....the best way to handle that is to delete the incorrect entry and add a new one.

DON'T FORGET

DO NOT SUBMIT UNTIL ALL EXHIBITORS IN YOUR FAMILY HAVE REGISTERED OR YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL I APPROVE THE REGISTRATION BEFORE YOU CAN REGISTER THE NEXT 4-HER.

2021 Jo Daviess 4-H Fair Schedule

Elizabeth Community Fairgrounds

Times subject to change

Saturday, July 10

- 9:00-11:00 am Dog Show- TBA
- 1:00 pm Cat Show
- 2:30 pm Guinea Pig & Small Pet Show

Monday, July 12

- 9:00 am Horse Show
- 3:30 pm Poultry must be on fairgrounds
- 4:00 pm Poultry Show
- 5:30 pm Rabbits must be on fairgrounds
- 6:00 pm Rabbit Show

Tuesday, July 13

- 9:00 am **Large Room:** Flower Arranging, Floriculture, Veg. Gardening- **General Projects Horticulture**
- 9:00 am **Small Room:** Technology, Aerospace, Computer Science, Robotics, Electricity, Maker- **General Projects STEM**
- 9:00 am **Large Room:** Cloverbuds Show
- 11:30 am **Large Room:** Natural Resource, Vet Science, Animal Science, Forestry, Plant and Soil, Small Pet, Conservation- **Poster Group A**
- 11:30 am **Small Room:** Leadership, Civic Engagement, Group Exhibits, College & Career Readiness, Intercultural, Health, Child Development-**Poster Group B**
- 3:00 pm **Large Room:** Communications, Collections, Crops, Entomology and Beekeeping, Exploratory, Geology, Interior Design, Theatre Arts, Tractor, Weather, Welding, Small Engine, Video/Film- **General Projects Other**
- 3:00 pm **Small Room:** Woodworking
- 6:00 pm **Large Room:** Visual Arts, Food Décor, Food & Nutrition, & Photography
- 6:00 pm **Small Room:** Clothing & Textiles (no fashion revue)

Wednesday, July 14

5:30-7:30 am	Swine Arrive & Weigh In
9:00 am	Swine Show
7:30-9:00 am	Beef Arrive & Weigh In
11:00 am	Beef Show
9:30 am-12:30 pm	Dairy Arrive
1:30 pm	Dairy Show (following conclusion of beef show)
12:30- 2:00 pm	Goat and Sheep Arrive & Weigh In (wethers)
3:00 pm	Sheep Show
	Goat Show (immediately following sheep show)
7:00 pm	Livestock Auction
*9:30 pm	Animals Dismissed- *immediately following the auction*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

ANIMAL EXHIBITS:

- Animals needing to be weighed will be weighed as they unload.
- Rabbits will show out of their carriers
- Heifers will show before market steers
- If you are showing SWINE and BEEF- participants will need to arrive at the swine arrival time and have both species weighted BEFORE the swine show begins.
- If you have Beef and Dairy- please bring your dairy at the same time as beef.
- Arriving on the fairgrounds during your designated time is MANDATORY. Late arrivals will not be weighed in.
- Clipped and washed will be considered show ready.
- Health papers will be checked before animals can be unloaded. Have them on hand... this is MANDATORY.
- Only 2 spectators will be allowed per exhibitor.

GENERAL PROJECTS:

- All exhibitors must sign up for a judging time for each 4-H project they plan to exhibit.
- 4-Hers will come to their check in/judging area with their project.
- Mask MUST be worn at all times
- Exhibitors must do a self-check before arrival
- If an exhibitor is exhibiting COVID symptoms at the time of show-please do not come. You may still exhibit using the absentee form and submitting pictures that have been printed out or emailed to staff in advance.

INELIGIBILITY FORMS– Leaders are required to complete this form for their club and return it to the Extension Office by June 24. 4-H requires participation BEFORE our summer shows. In addition– we do have other organizations that pay for your involvement in 4-H. Remember Extension & 4-H Foundation, Farm Bureau, and your club pay your Enrollment Fee.

4-Hers must attend 1/3 of all club meetings OR club activities held between September 1 and June 30. This does include 4-H meetings held by Zoom for 2021.

If your name is on the ineligibility form– you will not be allowed to exhibit this summer. Please contact your leader if you have any questions or concern about your member(s) attendance.

OVERNIGHT STAY FORM- will not be necessary. No overnight is allowed for any 2021 Summer Show.

HEALTH FORM– this is required for anyone exhibiting dairy, goat, sheep, beef, swine, and horse. Must be returned to the Extension office by June 20.

GENERAL PROJECT EXHIBITORS: Please remember that any illegal items such as eagle feathers, bird nest, parts of endangered species, etc. are not allowed as part of your exhibit.

GENERAL PROJECT EXHIBITORS: Exhibits illustrating inappropriate subject matter or graphics is not acceptable. Also, remember that copyrighted or trademarked designs are not acceptable. This includes TEAM or SCHOOL logos. Changing the color or size of something you saw on Pinterest does not make your project an original.

EXHIBIT SIZE RESTRICITONS: Please take extra note of any size restrictions that may be included in your project area. We have eliminated some of the size restrictions in areas, but others have been added. Please look over the requirements carefully.

FORMS: Coggins, Swine Notch Forms, Health papers for livestock, etc. will be required. Please follow your fair program book for more details.

MANUALS: All manuals have been ordered. If you are in need of a manual and did not request one, contact me and I will see what I have in my office. I do typically have extra copies. This includes all Cloverbud project manuals.

PROJECT INFORMATION

GENERAL PROJECTS EXHIBITORS:

All exhibitors will use Fair Entry to create an entry. Once general project entries have been compiled, I will send families a link that will allow you to sign up for a specific judging time. Please keep in mind that you will need to sign up for a judging time for each entry in each area. Please look at the fair schedule carefully. Once you sign up for a time– you cannot change it.

YOU CANNOT ARRIVE LATE FOR YOUR JUDGING TIME.

To clarify this will be a two-step process. 1. Register the number of entries you plan to bring using our FAIR ENTRY system. 2. Sign up for a judging time using the LINK I WILL PROVIDE.

Please DO NOT skip either step!

GENERAL PROJECT RELEASE:

All 4-Hers will bring their exhibits with them to their specific judging time. Once they have been judged– they will collect their ribbons and State Fair Delegate or Alternate information (if applicable) and take their projects home with them.

No projects will be stay in the building!

DAIRY/GOAT, SHEEP/SWINE/BEEF EXHIBITORS:

When registering for fair, please be prepared to answer the mandatory questions.

1. Animal's date of birth
2. Animals breed
3. Members of your "pod" that you wish to stall/pen with
4. How many stalls/pens you will need for each 4-H member

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP:

If you are a 4-H member that would like to exhibit in the Master Showmanship Contest this year, I must know by JUNE 13.

The exhibitor must be a 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 (must be at least 14 but cannot have reached their 19th birthday as of September 1, 2020).

PROJECT INFORMATION

CAT:

- Judging will take place on Saturday, July 10 at 1:00 pm.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes early so you can check in.
- Leave your cat in his/her carrier or cage until it is time to be judged.
- Must show proof of current rabies and distemper vaccinations, which must be done at least 1 week BEFORE the show.
- You must take your cat and carrier home with you after the show.
- Please bring something to drink for your cat.

DOG:

- Judging will take place on Saturday, July 10 at 9:00 am.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes early so you can check in.
- Must show proof of current vaccinations within the last 12 months.
- Dogs must be brought to the show on a leash.
- Please bring the correct supplies to clean up after your dog.
- AKC rules will be used for judging.
- A new costume class has been added.
- Rally classes have been added.
- See fair book for more details

POULTRY:

- Judging will take place on Monday, July 12 at 4:00 pm.
- All poultry must be on the fairgrounds by 3:30 pm.
- If you are exhibiting at the horse show, you may bring your bird(s) that morning and place them in a cage. However, you must officially check in during the time allotted.
- Shavings will not be provided for the cages this year.
- During judging, please wait in front of your cage.
- The judge will handle the bird to minimize contact between the exhibitor and the judge.
- All birds will be taken home immediately after the show.
- If you plan to auction the bird— you may bring a picture to the auction, the bird, etc.
- No pollorum testing is required this year since we have a one day show.

Cavy and Small Pet Show

- Judging will take place on Saturday, July 10 at 2:30 pm.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes early so you can check in.
- Leave your pet in his/her carrier until it is time to be judged.
- You must take your pet and carrier home with you after the show.
- Please bring something to drink for your pet.

PROJECT INFORMATION

RABBIT:

- Judging will take place on Monday, July 12 at 6:00 pm.
- All rabbits must be on the fairgrounds by 5:30 pm.
- You are responsible for making sure your rabbits have water at all times and that they get food on a regular basis.
- Rabbits will remain in their carrier until they exhibit. We will not have cages this year.
- Rabbit Health Forms must be brought with you to the fair and presented to the Superintendent during check-in.
- Rabbits must have an identification marking in its ear.
- Meat Pens will be weighed at check-in and must meet weight to exhibit in the meat pen class.
- Rabbit will be released immediately after the show.
- If you plan to auction- you may bring the rabbit back or use a picture.

BEEF:

- Judging will take place on Wednesday, July 14 at 11:00 am
- All beef (including bucket calf) may unload between 7:30 am- 9:00 am.
- Beef will weigh-in as they unload. Arriving on the fairgrounds at your designated time in mandatory. NO EXCEPTIONS. Late arrivals will not be weighed in. We are trying to stagger arrival times due to COVID 19, clean appropriately, social distance, etc.
- Health papers must be "in hand" and will be checked for completion by a fair superintendent before entering the fairgrounds. Health papers and a permanent tag are required.
- Forgotten papers will result in no entry until such time as the papers may be produced.
- We will not have bleachers this year. Please bring bag chairs or prepare to stand.
- Each exhibitor will be allowed to have 2 spectators. ONLY 2
- Bucket calves do not have to weigh in but they must be checked in at the same time as beef.
- Bucket calves must have their project record sheet completed and ready to turn in to the Beef Superintendent at the time of arrival.
- Clipped and washed will be considered show ready.
- Heifers will show before Market steers
- If you are showing more than one species– you may bring both at the earliest arrival time for your species. Example: if you are showing swine and beef– bring your beef at the same arrival time as the swine. If you have beef and dairy– bring your dairy at the same time as beef.

PROJECT INFORMATION

DAIRY:

- Judging will take place on Wednesday, July 14 at 1:30 pm. *following conclusion of the beef show.
- All dairy must arrive between 9:30 am– 12:30 pm.
- Clipped and washed is considered show ready.
- Exhibitors must have their health papers from a veterinarian on hand before any trailers are allowed on the fairgrounds. *Forgotten or incomplete papers will result in no entry until the situation is rectified.
- On Show day, please plan to wear a white shirt and white pants.
- Please know the date of birth of your animal.
- If you are showing more than one species– you may bring both at the earliest arrival time for your species. Example: If you have beef and dairy– bring your dairy at the same time as beef.
- Arriving on the fairgrounds at your designated time is mandatory. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Late arrivals will not be weighed in. We are trying to stagger arrival times due to COVID 19, clean appropriately, social distance, etc.
- We will not have bleachers this year. Please bring bag chairs or prepare to stand.
- Each exhibitor will be allowed to have 2 spectators. ONLY 2

HORSE:

- Judging will take place on Monday, July 12 at 9 am.
- Exhibitors must bring their Coggins test with you to the fair. The Coggins tests are good for 1 year. Coggins must be presented to the Horse Superintendents before the show.
- Protective head gear must be worn and fastened anytime an exhibitor is on their horse.
- Helmets must meet ASTM/SEI standards. The Extension Office has a few that are available to check out. If you decide to check one out– you will not be allowed to share it with another member.
- Horse exhibitors must wear the proper attire.
- 4-Hers must clean-up manure after the show before leaving the fairgrounds.
- Make sure you are in the correct classes during the registration process.
- You must register for all the classes you plan to exhibit in during the registration process. Do not expect to add a class at the fair as you have in previous years. This includes all gaming classes. Pay attention to what classes are required, what your child is eligible for, etc. when registering.
- Each exhibitor will be allowed to have 2 spectators. ONLY 2

PROJECT INFORMATION

SWINE:

- Judging will take place on Wednesday, July 14 at 9:00 am.
- All swine may unload between 5:30 am– 7:30 am.
- Swine will weigh-in as they unload. Arriving on the fairgrounds at your designated time in mandatory. NO EXCEPTIONS. Late arrivals will not be weighed in. We are trying to stagger arrival times due to COVID 19, clean appropriately, social distance, etc.
- Clipped and washed will be considered show ready.
- Exhibitors must have their health papers from a veterinarian on hand before any trailers are allowed on the fairgrounds. Forgotten or incomplete papers will result in no entry until the situation is rectified.
- Swine Notch Forms are due to the Extension Office by June 1.
- All swine must have an official metal ear tag in their ear by a veterinarian.
- 4-Hers must bring their own food, water, and supplies with you to the show.
- We will not have bleachers this year. Please bring bag chairs or prepare to stand.
- Each exhibitor will be allowed to have 2 spectators. ONLY 2
- If you are showing more than one species– you may bring both at the earliest arrival time for your species. Example: if you are showing swine and beef– bring your beef at the same arrival time as the swine.

SHEEP/GOAT:

- The Sheep Show will take place on Wednesday, July 14 at 3:00 pm.
- All Sheep and Goat may unload between 12:30 pm– 2:00 pm.
- Sheep and Goats will weigh-in as they unload. Arriving on the fairgrounds at your designated time in mandatory. NO EXCEPTIONS. Late arrivals will not be weighed in. We are trying to stagger arrival times due to COVID 19, clean appropriately, social distance, etc.
- Sheep must have an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag.
- All exhibitors must have their health papers from their veterinarian on hand before entry is allowed on the fairgrounds. Forgotten or incomplete health papers will result in no entry until the papers can be produced.
- Bring feed, water, and any other equipment with you to the fair.
- The Goat Show will take place on Wednesday, July 14 *IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SHEEP SHOW)
- Trimming goats is acceptable but not required.
- We will not have bleachers this year. Please bring bag chairs or prepare to stand.
- Each exhibitor will be allowed to have 2 spectators. ONLY 2
- If you are showing more than one species– you may bring both at the earliest arrival time for your species. Example: if you are showing swine and beef– bring your beef at the same arrival time as the swine.

PROJECT INFORMATION

ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS:

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our belief in the ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our guarantee of safe food production practices. While showing livestock, we are under the watchful eye of the general public. Many people attending a local fair may have no idea how livestock is raised. You are our spokesperson for the livestock industry. The proper care of animals in a public setting should receive primary attention. Practicing these guidelines should be helpful in preventing any misconceptions the public may have about the way we raise livestock.

1. Provide fresh, clean water to all animals at all times.
2. Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
3. Be aware of animal comfort zones i.e. temperature, space.
4. Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
5. Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age before the fair; this will make them more manageable at 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 water or feed additive withdrawal times.
9. Animals should be fed on a routine basis.
10. Avoid stressing the animal.
11. Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
12. Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and try to use them as gently as possible.
13. Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations. This is also a good way to answer any questions the public may have.
14. Have a plan of action if a problem should arise and who to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
15. Know who and where fair officials are and how to get in contact with them.
16. If questioned about animal care by a stranger, remain calm, be polite, answer the questions the best you can, don't argue, and refer the person to the department superintendent if a tough question or situation arises.

Animal welfare is important and highly visible during summer fairs. Following the above practices will present a positive image of our livestock industry and the 4-H program to the public as well as demonstrate the solid animal stewardship which is our 4-H tradition.

ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS:

***If you plan to exhibit in any of the showmanship classes, please let your Superintendent know during weigh-in OR prior to the beginning of the show. You will NOT register for showmanship using Fair Entry.**

This includes: Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit, and Horse.

PROJECT INFORMATION

ALL EXHIBITORS:

- Please remember that our superintendents are volunteers. This is not a paid position. Our Supers dedicate a lot of time and effort to accomplish tasks and a lot of behind the scenes work is done before, during, and after the fair.
- Fair is a high stress time for many and lack of sleep, long days, unruly animals, and heat creates an atmosphere for short tempers and little patience. Please remember that all exhibitors, volunteers, and staff should be treated with respect.
- Any questions or concerns should be directed to Angela Miller, 4-H Program Coordina-

ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS:

- All livestock will be released Wednesday, July 14. Loading will take place begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the livestock auction. NOT BEFORE OR AFTER.
- Exhibitors choosing not to load Wednesday evening are doing so with the knowledge that no Extension Staff or Livestock Superintendent will be on the grounds and members and animals will not be supervised in any capacity.
- After release on Wednesday, July 14, swine will load out of the east end and cattle will load through the middle.
- To help with the loading process please have your area ready to load. THIS INCLUDES CLEANING YOUR PEN/STALL. THIS IS MANDATORY BEFORE YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHECK-OUT

AUCTION:

- There will be an auction on Wednesday, July 14
- Rabbits and Poultry may leave the fairgrounds and return their animal, use a picture, etc. during their auction time.
- Sue will need to know the names of your buyers by July 1. This will be used for contact tracing purposes.
- Each participant may only contact 2 buyers this year. NOTICE: Weber's and Lena Maid has already been contacted.
- Only 2 people will be allowed to help and/or watch their 4-Her sell at the auction this year due to capacity limits. You must submit the names to Sue in advance by July 1.
- There will be NO pictures taken for the buyers this year.
- There will be NO gifts given to the buyers this year.
- There will be no June Auction Meeting this year for youth.
- See the auction letter from Sue Meusel on the next page.

May 25, 2021

Hello 4-H Livestock/Dairy Auction Participants:

To have a sale this year we will need to follow State/County guidelines. Below is a list of items I will need from you and some guidelines you will need to follow.

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside)
2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the auction, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided.
4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.
5. **I will need to know the names of your buyers by July 1.** This will be used for contact tracing purposes.
6. Each participant may only contact 2 buyers this year. NOTICE: Weber's and Lena Maid has already been contacted.
7. Only 2 people will be allowed to help and/or watch their 4-Her sell at the auction this year due to capacity limits. **You must submit the names to me in advance by July 1.** These individuals can approach the auction ring during your time, watch you sell, then immediately leave the auction area and return to your animal's original location.
8. There will be NO pictures taken for the buyers this year.
9. There will be NO gifts given to the buyers this year.

The COVID-19 social distancing/safety practices reflect requirements of Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols may be modified to reflect requirements of local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event.

Livestock Auction Committee reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

There will be no June Auction Meeting this year for youth.

We have missed seeing you and hopefully things will straighten out. As always if you have any questions, please email me, or give me a call.

See you all soon!

Jo Daviess County 4-H Auction Committee
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4-H LIVESTOCK & DAIRY PRODUCTION AUCTION

This is a Premium Sale for BEEF, SWINE, & SHEEP



WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2021
ELIZABETH FAIRGROUNDS

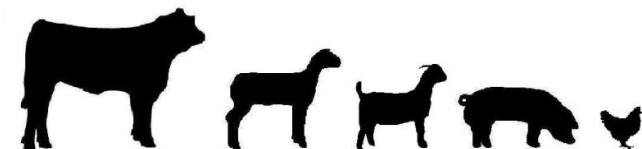
Selling: Market Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats
Dairy Products
Poultry & Rabbits

COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR THE AUCTION

- Face Coverings must be worn at all times
- Only 2 representatives will be allowed from each company due to gathering restrictions
- Social distancing will be observed
- Handwashing & Sanitizing stations will be provided
- Anyone experiencing symptoms-please stay home
- There will be no bleachers- bag chairs are welcome
- Each person will be asked to sign-in upon arrival for contract tracing purposes

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PROJECT INFORMATION

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITORS:

- *Exhibitors **MUST** be enrolled in the project category in which they are exhibiting.
- *Register for the correct Division of Chalk/Carbon/Pigment.
 - Division A: Canvas/Paper/Glass
 - Division B: Wood/Metal/Textiles
- *Fiber:
 - Baskets will be entered into Fiber.
 - All Original cross-stitched, knitted, and crocheted items
- *Heritage Arts:
 - Traditional art learned from someone OR a pattern
 - Non-Original Fiber will now be entered into Heritage Arts.
 - No machine quilting is allowed.
 - You may exhibit a quilt from a pattern.
- *Quilts entered in Visual Arts will be judged on the design elements, craftsmanship, and creativity– using the visual arts rubric.
- *Make sure all your exhibits are in the correct class. We will not be flexible this year. If you place your exhibits in the wrong class– they will still be judged but will be marked down for not meeting the class requirements. I will **NOT** allow class changes this year on site due to COVID.
- *There is one class of non original and it will not be eligible for IL State Fair. All other visual art classes require original art pieces!

CLOVERBUDS:

- *The Cloverbud show will take place on Tuesday, July 13 beginning at 9 am.
- *Be sure to read the requirements in your area.

CREATIVE WRITING EXHIBITORS:

- *Please send me a copy of your exhibit by July 9
- *I will then send your story to the judge to give him/her time to read it in preparation for your conference.

HORTICULTURE EXHIBITORS:

- *A few new county only exhibit classes have been added.

CLOTHING EXHIBITORS:

- *There will be no fashion revue this year.

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FOOD & NUTRITION EXHIBITORS:

- Foods Innovation has been added.
- You must use the recipes in your project manual.
- If you change the recipe, bring a copy of the recipe with your changes.
- You must complete the activity portion in your area and include any documents, pictures, etc. that are required in addition to the food exhibit.
- Recipes have been added for the Food Preservation classes.
- Canning equipment must be clear, standard jars in good condition and must be sealed using 2-piece canning lids. These should be new.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITORS:

- All photos must be accompanied by details of the camera setting that include:
 - Camera/device used
 - Aperture (F-stop)
 - Exposure time (shutter speed)
 - ISO
 - Lighting used
 - Photo editing software/application used
 - Filters used (lens filters or digital filter)
- You may use the camera's automatic setting, however, the information above is still required.
- Minimum image size is 5X7 and Max image size is 8X10
- Max exhibit size (including frame) is 18X20
- Photo 1 will exhibit one framed photo. No photo editing is allowed other than cropping and red eye removal.
- Be prepared to show the page in the manual of the technique you are demonstrating.
- Photo 2 & 3 will exhibit 1- 8X10 framed image.
- Do not use an automatic filter which was applied at the same time the photo was taken in the Photo Editing class.

INNOVATION CLASSES:

- *There is no longer an age restriction for the innovation area.
- *Members who plan to exhibit in the innovation class must be enrolled in a "traditional" project in that area.
- *Innovation is an exhibit opportunity and you will register for this class using Fair Entry.
- *If you exhibit in the innovation class— you are encouraged to go beyond what is in your project manual
- *Exhibits in innovation must go beyond the exhibit requirements in the other classes. In other words, this exhibit must not be able to fit into the other classes.

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DRIVING ON THE FAIRGROUNDS– **NO ONE** under the age of 21 may drive any motorized vehicle including: tractors, gators, golf carts, 4 wheelers, farm or recreational vehicles, or any other motorized vehicles on the fairgrounds at ANY time during the 4-H fair, Elizabeth Community Fair,... including prep, set up, or dismantling of the fair. The **ONLY** exception to this rule is if a 4-Her (16 or older) **MUST** drive a truck and animal trailer to deliver animals or pick them up. Parents are still preferred!

BEFORE YOU LEAVE-You are responsible for cleaning out your stalls, gathering up trash, etc. **BEFORE** you leave with your animals. The Elizabeth Community Fair takes place the same week and it reflects poorly on 4-Hers to leave the fairgrounds a mess.

FAIR ABSENTEE FORMS– If you are going to miss the fair but would still like an opportunity to exhibit your project you may do so. If you cannot be present for judging, a 4-H member or 4-H leader may show your project for you. However, you must fill out the Fair Absentee Form and attach it to your project explaining what you did, what you learned, problems you faced, and what you would do differently. This form may be found at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/jodaviess4h/2264.html>

NUMBER OF EXHIBITS– Fair Entry requires you to add the number of entries you plan to exhibit in each area. **This includes livestock**. If you are showing a pair at the swine show– that is 1 entry. However, if you want to show those pigs in the individual class that would be 2 entries. **DO NOT FORGET TO ADD THE CORRECT NUMBER OF ENTRIES IN EACH CLASS.** This continues to be the biggest problem. Many of our 4-Hers do not list the correct number of entries or do not register for all the classes they intend to participate in.

SINCE WE ARE IN THE 3RD YEAR OF FAIR ENTRY AND YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS- I AM ASKING YOU TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL SO I DO NOT HAVE TO SAY NO!

IL STATE FAIR– IL State fair is **NO LONGER** allowing counties to purchase car passes in advance. Exhibitors will be able to purchase parking around the edge of the fairgrounds or purchase public parking the day of their exhibition. We **WILL** continue to offer discounted entry tickets.

STATE FAIR CONSIDERATION- If you are selected to attend the State Fair, you **MUST** let me know by **4:00 pm on Wednesday, July 14**. Please look at your calendars **NOW** and decide if you will attend if given the chance. **I NEED TO KNOW YOUR PLANS ASAP ON JULY 14**. If you are chosen and decide not to attend– the alternates in those areas must be contacted, which can take a lot of time! Make sure we have your updated phone numbers. The paperwork, number of admission tickets, and the money for them, etc. is all due on **July 14**. Please bring your checkbook! I have to pre-order admission tickets and sometimes they can be hard to find after the fact. Pre-orders are due in the State 4-H Office on July 15 so I don't have time to track everyone down. Thanks for your understanding on this!

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COMPEER OPPORTUNITY:

I wanted to send along Compeer's letter to 4-Hers inviting them to write an essay about their project for the 2021 Project year and be able to receive a gift card. Compeer would like to continue to give the kids an opportunity to keep their interest in their projects going forward.

UNDERSTANDING 4-H PREMIUMS- *"The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State Of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premium amounts may vary." - IL Department of Agriculture*

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H members in the form of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We have no guarantee that those funds will be provided, however, year to year. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.

Remember only 1 premium shall be per exhibitor in each class. No premiums will be paid for "county only" or showmanship classes.

TAX IMPLICATIONS FOR PRIZES, GIFTS, OR AWARDS— *"Program participants (including minors) will be required to provide their social security number or foreign national tax ID number PRIOR to receiving a prize, gift, or award to ensure proper IRS reporting as required by law. This sensitive information is kept confidential and handled through security protected software (PEAR). Participants will NOT be eligible for prize, gift, or award if social security or foreign national tax ID information is not provided." - State 4-H Office*