



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. As you are aware the Jo Daviess County 4-H Fair will look different this year. We will be going to a virtual format.

To make this a little easier on everyone, I have tried to take important information and highlight it here. 4-H Staff has also created an area on our website that will be dedicated to virtual shows specifically. Please use this as your main resource. I am not including all the documents with this newsletter because of the size of the files. You will find a Tip Sheet/Addendum, instructions for uploading pictures and videos, public speaking details, livestock details, dog show details, and more.

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.

This may not be the way we wanted our 4-H year to end, but I look forward to seeing your work and all your exhibits. 4-H has a long tradition and a history of adapting. Members push through, they adjust, they learn from new situations, and we "Make the Best Better." Please look at this as an opportunity for growth.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact me using my temporary number (217)244-9021 or by email amillr11@illinois.edu.

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**FAIR REGISTRATION
WILL BE OPEN
JUNE 8—JULY 11**

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ENTRY DEADLINES FOR THE JO DAVIESS COUNTY 4-H FAIR- All 4-Hers must have their online fair entries submitted by July 11, 2020. The system will close at midnight on July 11. 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.**

Since we will be going virtual this year– 4-H staff has set up a special page on our website dedicated to all things virtual. You will find a tip sheet, instructions, updated exhibited guidelines, etc. Click this link to view <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2020-06-05-virtual-4-h-show-2020>

VIDEO LINK:

You will use the following link to upload all videos. This includes videos for livestock, dog, horse, public speaking, etc.

Jo Daviess County: <https://uofi.app.box.com/f/cfeb75b489df45479567052990d29e81>

CLOVERBUDS: REQUIRED

- Must fill out and submit the Cloverbud project report this year. This form is a fillable pdf so there is no printing required. Just ask your cloverbud the questions and type in their response.
- Can only exhibit 1 entry in each project area.

GENERAL PROJECT 4-H REPORT: REQUIRED

- Must fill out and submit the 4-H project report this year. This form is a fillable pdf so there is no printing required. These questions will reflect the information the judge would like to have regarding your project.
- This form must accompany all photos and video for every area except dairy, beef, sheep, goat, swine, rabbit, poultry, horse, and dog. (If you choose to do a poster in animal science– then the report must be filled out)

FAIR PROGRAM BOOK:

- I will not be printing hard copies of the fair program book. Please use the book that is available online this year. You can view it by visiting https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/js4.2.20completed_program_book.pdf

YOU WILL NEED TO LOOK AT THE FAIR PROGRAM BOOK AND THE VIRTUAL FAIR ADDENDUM.

I know that is a little confusing. The program book will tell you what all the choices are for exhibits and the addendum will focus on the format and requirements for uploading.

INELIGIBILITY FORMS– 4-H members may enter the 4-H fair regardless of club attendance for THIS year. I will not be looking at club attendance to determine eligibility.

OVERNIGHT STAY FORM AND MEDICAL RELEASE- will not be necessary.

SLIDE SHOW, PICTURES, OR VIDEO: You will be required to upload using one of these methods. You will upload individual pictures, a slide show (with all required pics) or video.

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 RESTRICTIONS-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 not be required for virtual shows on a county level. However, animal ownership dates still apply. If you have forms such as the bucket calf record book, crops record book, etc. you will upload these during the entry process on Fair Entry. These will accompany your photos or videos. Check your tip sheet carefully!

EXHIBIT CARDS: REQUIRED

4-H members will be required to fill out an exhibitor card for each entry. This card will need to be placed on your exhibit and be included in at least one of the required photos for each entry. If you do not have a printer– you may use an index card that includes all the information you see on the card.

MANUALS:

If you need any of the recipes for Foods & Nutrition or any other resources in order to help you complete your projects, please let me know. I will be happy to work with you and help locate resources in any way I can.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

gif, jpg, png, tiff– formats for photos
ppt and pptx—formats for PowerPoint

pdf, doc, docx– formats for documents

PROJECT INFORMATION

CAT AND SMALL PETS (INCLUDING GUINEA PIGS)

- The traditional show will not take place this year.
- These shows will be entered as a poster project for Animal Science– (your species)
- 50135 – Animal Science
 - a. 4-H Project Report
 - b. 3 photos OR slideshow (max 10 slides). Images to include: One of whole exhibit and two close-ups of your choice that highlight a featured skill or content area.

DOG:

- May submit a video of the 4-H member exhibiting their dog for all classes except costume (pic)
- Upload a video that is no longer than necessary to demonstrate each required skill.
- Or may submit a poster exhibit in the Animal Science-Dog.
 - 50135 – Animal Science
 - 4-H Project Report
 - 3 photos OR slideshow (max 10 slides). Images to include: One of whole exhibit and two close-ups of your choice that highlight a featured skill or content area.

HORSE:

- Classes have been modified. There will be no gaming classes offered. Costume offered (pics)
- For all classes: upload a video of between 1-2 minutes, not to exceed 3 minutes.
- Helmets required.
- OR may submit a poster exhibit in the Animal Science-Horse
 - 50135 – Animal Science
 - 4-H Project Report
 - 3 photos OR slideshow (max 10 slides). Images to include: One of whole exhibit and two close-ups of your choice that highlight a featured skill or content area.
- If you need to borrow a helmet please call or email me to make arrangements. I have a few that are available.

AUCTION:

"The Jo Daviess County 4-H Auction Committee has had to make the unfortunately hard decision to CANCEL the 2020 Livestock Auction for this year. This decision was not made lightly. Our main concern is the safety and health of our 4-H Members, Families, Buyers and Community. We will truly miss the fun, laughter, and joy that the Auction brings every year.

If you have not already contacted your buyers for this year, please contact them and tell them of this decision. If you have any questions contact Irv Geisz at 815-266-9847.

Please continue with your hard work and dedication to the 4-H Community.

We will see you next year! Stay Safe and Healthy!"

Irv Geisz Larry Hubb Sue Meusel

PROJECT INFORMATION

BEEF/SWINE/GOAT/SHEEP/DAIRY/RABBIT/POULTRY:

- Classes have been modified. There will be no pairs, trios, rate of gain, or showmanship classes offered.
- For all classes: Upload a 45-60 second video to the link provided.
- Continuous video outside, 15 seconds side, 15 second front, 15 second rear views of animal moving.
- Exhibitor should show to the camera as if it were the judge.
- Hold phone camera horizontally from a distance that best captures entire animal and exhibitor. Camera person should not move or very little. Use very little if any zooming in and out.
- Zooming in for 10 seconds is only required for udders on dairy animals.
- For Poultry in JDC, you will submit pictures or slide show instead of a video.
- You will indicate declared weights for market classes, animal birthdates for breeding classes, and breeds when in most livestock areas in Fair Entry. This is a required question.
- Proper dress/show attire please– no clothing that promotes a business, brand, organization, etc. (4-H shirts are acceptable)
- You may submit a poster exhibit in the Animal Science-(your species)
 - 50135 – Animal Science
 - 4-H Project Report
 - 3 photos OR slideshow (max 10 slides). Images to include: One of whole exhibit and two close-ups of your choice that highlight a featured skill or content area.
 - Index/Exhibitor cards are not necessary.
- Bucket Calf exhibitors will be asked to upload their record book. (these can be in a slide show format)
- Rabbit in JDC will submit a slideshow or pictures instead of a video.
- Animals are not required to be groomed.

ALL EXHIBITORS:

To clarify, all exhibitors will use Fair Entry to create an entry. You will all need to answer any required questions (weight, birthdate, breed) etc. You will then use the link to upload your video. Please DO NOT skip the Fair Entry process. Public Speaking, horse, dog, and livestock that are required to upload a video will also be asked to create an entry.

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP:

If you are a 4-H member that would like to exhibit in the Master Showmanship Contest this year, there will be an application process to complete. Please use the following link to fill out the application. <https://form.jotform.com/201266390431044>

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, 2019 - birthdate between 9/2/2000 and 9/1/2005).

The application is due by July 11.

PROJECT INFORMATION

General Projects:

Some exhibit guidelines and requirements have changed in order to have a virtual show. Please read your exhibit area carefully and follow directions for each exhibit.

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 if they are made from 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITORS:

- Must have a photo release if you have a person in your photo.
- Minimum image size is 5X7 and Max image size is 8X10
- Max exhibit size (including frame) is 18X20
- No photo editing is allowed other than cropping and red eye removal.
- Do not use an automatic filter which was applied at the same time the photo was taken in the Photo Editing class.

CLOTHING & TEXTILES/FASHION REVUE EXHIBITORS:

- Entries will be judged on construction and fit.
- Fashion Revue will not be available this year.
- You must include the pattern or instruction you used (if applicable). These will be uploaded along with the photos of your exhibit.
- Please check the tip sheet carefully to see what photos are required in your area when submitting your entries. Each area has different requirements-so pay close attention.

PROJECT INFORMATION

FOOD & NUTRITION EXHIBITORS:

You must use the recipes in your project manual.

- If you change the recipe, you must document that change and upload that along with your photos.
- Preservation must have the recipe uploaded along with the required photos— see tip sheet for all details.
- Please check the tip sheet carefully to see what photos are required in your area when submitting your entries. Each area has different requirements-so pay close attention.
- Of course, tasting will not be an option for judges.

GROUP EXHIBITS:

- Max of 20 slide slideshow
- This is to be a collaborative effort between members which must demonstrate accountability and contributions from individual members.

SINGLE ENTRY: Since each member is required to upload information at the same time you are creating an entry, I have changed the format to only allow you to create one entry at a time to lesson confusion. Do NOT submit, however, until all entries have been completed for your 4-Her or you will have to wait until I approve them before you can continue.

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

CONTEST CLASSES Youth may enter up to 2 classes. Please note that no live animals are allowed in speeches.

FORMAL SPEECH | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish (Original Oratory), or choose one of four topics on which to speak (Topical Response)- full information on the website

ILLUSTRATED SPEECH | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-8 minutes. Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive.

ORIGINAL WORKS | Self-written | Notes allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live.—full details on the website.

PROJECT INFORMATION

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTINUED:

ORAL INTERPRETATION | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

- Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Full details on the website.

FOOD DEMONSTRATION | 8-10 MINUTES (not eligible for state event) Food demonstrations should be approximately 8-10 minutes in length; however, there will not be a time penalty. The time limit will be taken into consideration at the judges' discretion. Demonstrations may be done by an individual or team of two (2) members.

DEMONSTRATION | 8-10 MINUTES (not eligible for state event)

Demonstrations may pertain to any topic (Exception: Food and Nutrition). Demonstrations may be given by an individual or a team of two members. Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing all equipment and supplies needed.

VIDEO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Youth must submit a video entry to participate in this contest. Follow the guidelines below to complete this process.

- Videos must be submitted using the following link <https://uofi.app.box.com/f/cfeb75b489df45479567052990d29e81>
- Video must be titled with full name of exhibitor, class, subclass, speech title, and county. Ex. Andrea Farrier, Formal Speech, Topical Response- If I Could See Tomorrow, Jo Daviess County.
- If this information is verbalized in your video submission, it will count towards your time.
- Post-production edits or enhancements are discouraged.
- Participants should strictly follow the 4-8 minute time constraints. Any submissions under 4 minutes or longer than 8 minutes will be considered for participation ribbon only.
- Video must be shot vertically and include the speaker's whole body in the shot so that judges can accurately judge posture, hand gestures and movement.
- Presentation aids and/or props are allowed in specified categories only.
- In addition to these guidelines, here are some production tips to follow:
- Use a tripod or stable surface to shoot video.
- Be sure that you are visible on the video and that your audio playback is easy to hear.
- Pick a unique environment for your video that helps enhance your speech; however, be sure that it is not distracting and does not impede your delivery.
- Double-check your final video before uploading to ensure appropriate quality.

I MAY BE SENDING A JOTFORM (A SURVEY OF SORTS) TO SEE HOW MANY OF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPANTE IN THE VIRTUAL FAIR. I AM TRYING TO GET AN IDEA OF NUMBERS SO I CAN CONTACT JUDGES WITH A LITTLE CLEARER PICTURE. WATCH FOR IT!

PROJECT INFORMATION

BICYCLE:

Please note that this year both levels of the bicycle project will be a poster project only. Please see the tip sheet for all requirements.

COMPEER OPPORTUNITY:

I wanted to send along Compeer's letter to 4-Hers inviting them to write an essay about their project for the 2020 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" 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

STATE FAIR CONSIDERATION: If you are selected to attend the State Fair, you will be notified by email. The State 4-H General Project and Public Speaking Shows will happen. However, we are not sure if it will be virtual or face-to-face.

4-H members chosen as a delegate will get the opportunity to exhibit on a state level. More details to come.

REMEMBER: Ages 8 + are eligible to attend the IL State Fair if chosen.