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# DeKalb County 4-H Flashes

Summer 2019

## 4-H Fairbook is Online!

Find the fairbook along with auction form and the fair overnight form at:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/dekalb4h>

We printed a few copies of the fair book to be kept in the Extension office and one was given to each 4-H club. All entries need to be done online ... please read the enclosed directions carefully. If you have trouble finding the fair book on our website, completing entries or do not have access to the internet give the Extension office or your 4-H leader a call. You are also welcome to stop in at the Extension office to complete your entries.

## 2019 General Project Show and Livestock Fair Dates

DeKalb County  
4-H General Project Show  
July 10  
DeKalb County Farm Bureau  
Center for Agriculture



4-H Horse Show  
July 20 - Amber Sun Acre  
4-H Livestock Fair  
August 2, 3, & 4  
Sandwich Fairground

General Project Show and Fair Entries  
and Auction Forms are due

**MONDAY, JUNE 17!**

**No late entries accepted!!**

**JOIN THE TEAM. CHANGE THE WORLD.**



# REQUIRED Livestock Auction Meeting

Youth planning to sell animals in the 4-H Livestock Auction at the 4-H Fair will be required to attend a 4-H Livestock Auction meeting on **Monday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Farm Bureau Building theater.

“Auction Participation Forms” may be turned in on that evening, or before. These forms must be signed by the youth’s 4-H club leader prior to being turned into the Extension office. It is not the responsibility of the Extension office or the Auction Committee to get the appropriate 4-H Club Leader’s signature. The requirements to participate in the auction are as follows:

- Attend at least six 4-H club meetings during the current 4-H year.
- Complete a 4-H project plan and discuss it with a 4-H leader.
- Present a talk/demonstration at a club meeting.

The 4-H member must complete all of these requirements in order to be eligible to participate in the livestock auction. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to get this form into the office.

## 4-H Foundation Pork Chop Drive Thru Dinner



**Thursday, June 27**

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

DeKalb County Farm Bureau’s parking lot

\$12/meal

**Tickets must be purchased by Thursday, June 13**

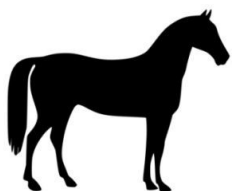
Dinner includes: 2 pork chops, pasta salad, baked beans, applesauce, and a dinner roll.

Tickets are available from 4-H club leaders. All orders must be pre-paid.

**\*\*We will also need volunteers to help serve the meal starting at 4:00. Please call the Extension office if you can help out.**

## Federation Meeting

The next 4-H Federation meeting will take place on **Tuesday, July 2 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Farm Bureau Building. All 4-H’ers who are in at least 8th grade are welcome to attend these meetings and to get involved in planning county events and activities. There will not be a meeting in August.



Come on out and support you fellow 4-H’ers at the 4-H Horse Show on July 20 starting at 8:00 a.m. at Amber Sun Acres located at 19819 University Rd. in Malta.

# Rocket Launch on July 11



Again this year at our 4-H General Project Show we will be offering a 4-H Rocket Launch for 4-H members in an aerospace project. The rocket launch will take place at 6:00 p.m. on **Thursday, July 11** on the lawn of the Farm Bureau Building. 4-H members interested in launching their rockets should contact the Extension office so that we have an idea of how many rockets will be launched that evening.

## What if I can't be at the Project Show?



We know summer schedules can sometimes be quite difficult and just because a 4-H'er can't make it to the General Project Show in person doesn't mean they can't exhibit their 4-H project. Certainly we do hope that 4-H'ers will make every effort to attend, as they benefit the most from the experience if they are there in person. 4-H members unable to attend the 4-H General Project Show in person, but would still like to have their exhibit judged should follow the guidelines listed below:

1. Under the heading *4-H General Projects Show* on page 9 in the 4-H Fairbook, number 5 and number 9 answer this question. Under the second paragraph of number 5 it lists three questions 4-H'ers should be prepared to answer while participating in conference judging.
2. 4-H members unable to attend should make arrangements to have another 4-H member, a parent, or 4-H leader bring their exhibit to the conference judging.
3. A written report, answering the questions listed under number 5 on page 9, should accompany the exhibit.
4. 4-H members failing to include a written report may receive a lower ribbon rating.
5. Also 4-H members not attending in person do decrease their chances of being selected for special awards or for State Fair participation.

Anyone having additional questions pertaining to the 4-H General Project Show should feel free to call the Extension office at 758-8194.

## 4-H'ers Build Self-Esteem by Doing Their Own Work

As 4-H'ers plan and prepare their exhibits for the 4-H Show we would like to encourage parents to remember to allow the members to do their own work. While it is okay for mom and dad to give a few suggestions, or maybe a little help, it is more important to allow the 4-H'er to do the work. The 4-H Project Show is a time for our judges to see the work of the 4-H members, not their parents. Our judges want to know what the 4-H'ers have learned and how they completed the projects, not what they watched as their parents completed the tasks.

Please remember that 4-H is for the youth, and your 4-H member will only grow from the experience if they do their own work. While the 4-H program is a family organization, this is one of those times where the family is asked to participate by showing only their support for the work completed.

# Ways you can help make the General Project Show and Fair run smoothly



We are looking for volunteers for a few very crucial roles to help make the 4-H General Project Show and Fair a success.

- Adults or older 4-H members are needed to help prepare for the show. This includes computer work, mailings, updating signs and making copies. Sign-up for a day(s) & time to work June and/or July.
- General Project Show - July 10 to help at the registration table and facilitating and July 11 to help with leading small groups of youth.
- 4-H Fair: Picking - up the foodstand order at Sam's Club and hauling it to the fairgrounds.
- Hauling foodstand supplies to the fairgrounds and setting-up the foodstand. Picking up pop at the Plano Walmart on Thursday, August 1.
- Hauling supplies on Sunday, August 4 back to the Extension Office.
- Cleaning-up and packing away fair supplies

We would greatly appreciate any help we can receive for these jobs. Please fill out the enclosed form or call/email Nicole if you are able and willing to assist.

## Attention: Visual Arts and Horticulture Exhibitors

**Visual Arts Exhibitors:** Drawing and paintings must be matted and framed, preferably under glass. (Oil and acrylic paintings do not require glass and are not required to be matted.) Water color, chalk, pen & ink, etc. do require glass, acrylic or some protective covering.

**Horticulture Exhibitors:** As you prepare your vegetables to exhibit please stop by the Extension office for a copy of "Exhibiting Vegetables". This is a reference guide that explains how to prepare your vegetables for exhibit. It also gives desirable characteristics of vegetables and how to best transport your vegetable.

## Fashion Revue



The Fashion Revue is no longer an exhibit opportunity however we would still like to give 4-H'ers the chance to model the clothing items they made. The fashion revue will be during the 4-H General Project Show Awards program on July 11 at 7:00 in the Farm Bureau theater. We are looking for 4-H youth and adults who are interested in coordinating the 4-H fashion revue. Individuals interested in planning should talk to or email Nicole at [groeing@illinois.edu](mailto:groeing@illinois.edu).

# DeKalb County Day at the State Fair

Conference judging will be held at the Illinois State Fair. All of the judging for DeKalb County will be held on **Friday, August 9**. Members must drop off their projects any time from 8:00 to 9:30a.m. Judging is scheduled throughout the day. Projects must remain on display until 3:30 p.m. All Project must be removed no later than 4:30 daily.



## New awards, new scoresheets at Illinois State Fair

4-H members selected at their county to exhibit at the state fair will see some changes in the way exhibits are judged and prizes awarded. Judges at the state fair will use a 10-point scale and give members a score for each element of their exhibit:

- Their knowledge about the project
- Their conference presentation of the project
- The presentation of the exhibit

The new scoresheets are all posted online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair). For each EXHIBIT CLASS, a **champion and reserve champion** will be awarded based on points received.

In addition, **INSPIRE AWARDS** will be given at the judges' discretion for work they wish to highlight or acknowledge. Awards will vary in quantity, description, and type between project areas. These awards will not be based solely on scores. Check back soon for more on the new judging and award systems.

## Celebrating volunteers at the fair

If you are a volunteer leader, be sure to check in at the volunteer booth at the Illinois State Fair General Project Show to receive your special gift.

## 4-H Federation Food Stand



The 4-H Federation once again is giving clubs the opportunity to select the time slot they are available and willing to work. 4-H clubs are required and expected to sign up for a least one time slot and would be more than welcome to sign up for a second time slot. Larger clubs would certainly be encouraged to fill up more than one time slot with 4-H members. At least two adults from the 4-H club are asked to work with their 4-H club members. Five to ten members and/or parents are needed to work the food stand during every shift. Again all 4-H clubs are **EXPECTED** and **REQUIRED** to work at the Federation food stand. The sign-up took place at the Leader's meeting in May.

## Understanding 4-H premiums

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H members in the forms of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We currently have no guarantee that those funds will be provided. 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.

## Pen & Stall Sponsors NEEDED

4-H clubs with animal exhibitors are asked to please make note that pen and stall assignments for beef, sheep, swine and goats will be made by the Fair Superintendents at the 4-H Fair . Cooperation from the clubs and its members would be greatly appreciated in helping to make things run smoothly.

Just a reminder to 4-H clubs with swine, beef, dairy, sheep, goats exhibitors not to forget about the Pen & Stall awards. The top three 4-H clubs will be selected for having neat & clean pen and stall areas within the livestock barns. The plan is to award monetary prizes. However in order to do this we will need additional sponsors. Currently we only have a sponsor for the beef barn which is Fleming Feeds and dairy barn which is the Kishwaukee Dairy Heard Association. Additional sponsors are needed for the Goat, Sheep and Swine barns. It cost \$100 to sponsor a barn. Please let Nicole know ASAP if you or any business you know is interested in being a sponsor.

## Volunteer at Biking with Beanie



Kishwaukee Kiwanis Club along with the 4-H Ambassadors are looking for 4-H'ers or 4-H clubs to help out with Biking with Beanie on **Sunday, July 14**. Biking with Beanie is a recreational bike ride sponsored by Kishwaukee Kiwanis Club of DeKalb, with support from the DeKalb County Ambassadors. The ride route consists of 25, 46, 64, 80 or 101 miles. There are also 3, 5, and 8-mile family & community bicycle pathway routes. Profits from this project go to support the Kishwaukee Bike Pathway Projects

and other projects within DeKalb County helping to make DeKalb County a better place to live. 4-H provides help during this day by serving water and snacks at the rest stations that are along the route and at the headquarters which will be at the DeKalb High School. The ride begins at 6:30 a.m. and the last riders finish up around 4:00 p.m. The day is divided between morning and afternoon shifts. If you or your club is interested in helping out contact the Extension office at (815) 758-8194.

## 4-H Auction Check Distribution



This year the auction committee will be distributing the 4-H auction checks on **Thursday, September 19** at 7:00 p.m. in the Farm Bureau auditorium. You **MUST** bring a stamped and addressed thank you card for your buyer in order to receive your check.

# **Members Showing Market Animals:**

## **Have you completed YQCA online?**

In order to be eligible to exhibit and sell your market beef, goat, sheep or swine project at the 4-H fair and livestock auction, all youth must be certified for the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) or Pork Quality Assurance (PQA). If you are not currently certified please complete the online training at: <http://yqca.org/> The online program cost is \$12. Please sign-in using your 4-H online email and password. As long as you logged in using your 4-H Online account, you do not need to send a copy of your certificate to our office. However please keep a copy for your records. Certification must be completed by June 17, 2019 which is when fair entries are due. If you have any questions please call the Extension Office.

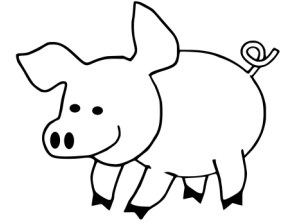
## **Use good animal stewardship practices this summer**

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our practice of ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our commitment to safe food production practices. While showing livestock, we are under the watchful eye of the public. Many people attending a local fair may have no idea how livestock is raised. Practicing these guidelines may prevent public misconceptions about livestock production.

- Provide fresh, clean water to animals at all times. Feed animals on schedule.
  - Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
  - Take extra care on days of extreme weather or activity.
  - Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
  - Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age long before the fair.
  - Arrange for veterinary care in case of an animal emergency.
  - Handle animals in a very humane way.
  - Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and feed additive withdrawal times.
  - Avoid stressing the animal.
  - Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
  - Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and never forcefully hit an animal.
  - Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations.
  - Have a plan of action should a problem arise, and know which fair official or 4-H leader to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
  - Some words, such as “slaughter” or “killed,” may cause a negative reaction from people unfamiliar with food production. IF ASKED what happens to your market animal after the fair, consider using words such as “harvested” or “sold to packing company.”
  - If questioned or challenged by a stranger or group:
    - Remain calm, be polite, and answer any question the best you can. If you do not know an answer, tell them you will find an adult to explain more.
    - Do not argue or confront an individual or group who may have a different view about livestock production. Individuals may try to initiate a confrontation and use video of the incident on social media. If confronted, walk away, find an adult in authority, or call 911 if you feel threatened.
    - It is natural to think that giving people information will change their minds, but in some extreme cases, people may not want to learn; they want to confront to gain media attention. It is best to walk away without engaging in these situations.
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# Swine Rules for DeKalb County 2019

Listed below please read the rules and guidelines established for swine exhibits during this 4-H year.



1. Each exhibitor/individual has to nominate their pigs by June 1 of the present year. Nomination forms listing each hogs notches and diagrams or photos must be in the Extension office by **June 1**. If photos are used include two pictures, one of each side of the pig. *For check-in purposes photos are preferred.*
2. Each exhibitor/individual can nominate up to 15 pigs by ear notches. (No eartags will be accepted for nominations.)
3. No exhibitor can show a pig at the 4-H Fair that is not listed on their nomination form.
4. Pigs owned within an immediate family may be cross nominated. In other words siblings within a family may use the same hogs on their nomination forms. This can only be done within an immediate family (i.e. sisters & brothers).
5. Any pigs that show evidence of fresh notches (i.e. scabs, small notches etc. will be disqualified).
6. Exhibitors cannot load out pigs until the 4-H Swine Superintendent releases them after the auction.
7. All pigs must be farrowed on or after **January 1** of the current year.
8. Livestock Premises Identification Numbers are required for all swine at the DeKalb County Fair.
9. Nomination forms were mailed to 4-H members enrolled in swine.

## Illinois Livestock Premises Registration is Required for Swine



All exhibitors with swine are required to obtain a Premise Identification number in order to participate in the DeKalb County Fair. At this time no other species of animal is required to have a premise id number; however, it may be in your best interest to register for a number.

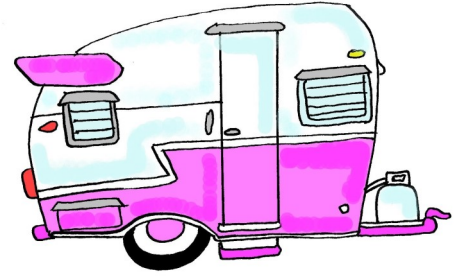
Choosing to register your premises puts you on the frontline of controlling and preventing the spread of animal disease. A disease outbreak can't be predicted, but it can impact every segment of animal agriculture. Participation ensures that you have the information you need, when you need it most, to protect your animals and your investment. Premise registration is free and the applications can be found on-line at <http://www.agr.state.il.us/premiseid/> or by calling 1-866-299-9256 for a paper form. Download the registration form and then submit by email, fax, or mail. If you have any questions, contact the Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare at 217/782-4944. You will need to allow 3-4 weeks before being issued your number.



## Staying Overnight at the Fairgrounds

4-H members planning to spend the night on the fairgrounds at the 4-H Fair are required to have the following:

- A current 4-H membership card
- An adult agreeing to serve as their chaperone.
- A signed application turned in to the Extension office by **July 26**
- Livestock that they are showing at the 4-H Fair.



4-H'ers wishing to spend the night at the 4-H Fair (including members camping with their parents) must submit an application to stay on the fairgrounds overnight. Two signatures will be required on the application: parent's signature and signature of the adult who will be responsible for the member on the fairgrounds. Applications can be picked up at the Extension Office. Only 4-H members with a valid 4-H membership card, chaperone, and livestock will be permitted to stay overnight on the fairgrounds. Individuals not fitting these criteria will be escorted from the fairgrounds. In case of an emergency it is very important that we know who is spending the nights on the fairgrounds. Please cooperate and follow these rules.

## Sandwich Fairgrounds Requesting Donations From Campers

Again this year the Sandwich Fairgrounds is asking for a donation from everyone that is spending the night at the fairgrounds and using electricity for their trailers. Please make a free will donation to the Sandwich Fair when you turn in your Overnight Permission Form to the Extension Office by July 26.

## 4-H Livestock Auction Rules for 2019

Just a reminder that all 4-H members wishing to participate in the auction must meet the following requirements:

1. Attend at least **6** of their 4-H club's meetings.
2. Do a presentation/demonstration at a club meeting.
3. Develop a project plan and discuss it with their 4-H club leader.

These requirements are basically the first three standards of achievement requested of all 4-H members. The auction committee will be working with 4-H club leaders to make sure that these requirements have been fulfilled prior to the 4-H member's participation in the auction.

**Once again this year the auction form is due to the Extension office on Monday, June 17 the same day as 4-H Show and Fair entries are due.** Youth will need to meet all three of these requirements by this time in order to participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction.

Don't forget there is more to the 4-H experience than just the 4-H Fair and auction.

# State Fair Junior Show Livestock entries due July 1



The Illinois State Fair sponsors a junior livestock show which is open to 4-H and FFA members. Entry deadline is July 1 and your entries must be signed either by 4-H or FFA staff. 4-H is proud to support the Illinois State Fair in this event. All questions about the show should be directed to the Illinois State Fair. Learn more and download entry forms online @

<http://www.illinois.gov/statefair> and click on COMPETITIONS.

The Junior Livestock Department has extended its age to 21. Since 4-H age ends at 18, the only way to exhibit at the state fair junior livestock show if you are 19 to 21 is to be an active FFA member as verified by Illinois FFA and in accordance with one of the following program options: Maintain active membership on the roster of their local high school FFA Chapter; maintain active membership in a collegiate FFA Chapter in a post-secondary institution of higher education in the State of Illinois; or maintain active membership in an Illinois FFA Alumni Chapter.

## 4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7 immediately following the State Fair Junior Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2019) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 4. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

## Could you use \$1,000 for college?



The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** 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. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. 4-H age is determined as of January 1, 2019. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest:

Horse: July 24. Send registrations to Debra Hagstrom, U of I Extension Horse Specialist, 386 Animal Science Lab, 1207 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana

Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7. Send registrations to Dan Jennings, U of I Extension Animal Science Educator, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563

Dairy: August 17. Send registration to Dave Fischer, retired U of I Extension Dairy Specialist, 901 Oak Hill St., Trenton, IL 62293.

The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.



Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

- Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.
- Your video should relate to one of these topics:
  - Through 4-H, I've been able to ...
  - In my 4-H project, I've learned .....

- 4-H has taught me to care about my community.
- 4-H has helped me feel welcomed by .....
- I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...
- Here's how 4-H has prepared me for my future career.

- Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, I ..... Thanks for helping me grow!"
- Send the video file to us at [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu) or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.
- Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.
- A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.
- It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to be show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.
- Videos will be accepted through August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.
- Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded. Questions? Email Judy at [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu).

## 4-H Storytellers

**Be authentic | Share truth | Build connections**

In July, 4-H members will be invited to become a 4-H Storyteller. In the fall, 20 youth selected from the applicants will be trained by some of Illinois's finest storytellers. The stories may take the form of written word: blogs, poetry, letters. They may take the form of art: photography, art, comics. They may take the form of sound: video, song, podcast. 4-H Storytellers will tell their personal stories, and in doing so, we will see 4-H in action in their lives. Look for more in the July newsletter. This opportunity is open to youth who will be in grades 8 to 11 this fall.

Applicants will be asked to submit two original examples of any of the following things: blogs, poetry, letters, photography, art, comics, video, song, podcast, or other form not listed. The two examples may be of the same form or different forms. Applicants must also answer the following question using whatever medium they want: **What story do you have to tell and why is that topic important to be shared?** The program is sponsored in full by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

## Cream of the Crop photo entries due

State Treasurer Michael Frerichs invites youth from across the state, ages 8-18, to submit their most innovative, scenic snapshot that depicts their vision of agriculture in our state. The contest winners will be featured on the new marketing materials for the Ag Invest program. Learn more at [https://illinoistreasurer.gov/Businesses/Ag-Invest/Cream of the Crop Photo Contest](https://illinoistreasurer.gov/Businesses/Ag-Invest/Cream-of-the-Crop-Photo-Contest).

## Record Books Due Friday, September 6

Don't wait to the last minute to start filling out your record books. By now everyone should have received new record sheets. They can also be found at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/dekalb4h/>

There are events, activities and project work completed that you can start recording right now. Record books need to be completed and turned into your leader to sign before the deadline so they can turn them into the Extension Office on September 6. If you have any questions on how to complete record books contact either your leader or the Extension office and we would be happy to answer any questions.

### Reminder: 4-H Club Annual Financial Statement due soon



Summertime activities and fair seasons are almost here. Is your 4-H club's secretary and treasurer's record books up-to-date? 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 DeKalb County Extension office by September 7. 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. Contact the Extension office if you need a copy of this financial statement. 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.

### Genoa Prairie Gems Report by Megan Johnson

**March 11 meeting:** we talked about how we sent our valentines cards we made to Pine acres, and about our food pantry collection that we will be collecting next month. We then discussed how we might be getting record book assistance this year.

**April Meeting:** first we went over how we were collecting food with the food pantry and who was transporting it there. Then we brought up how we need to start coming up with ideas for our float for the Genoa Days parade, we mentioned the project enrollment and deadline fee is due by April 15, and we talked about the 4-H public speaking contest at the Farm Bureau on April 26. Lastly we talked about our spare change collection and told everyone that the online certification for showing animals has to be done if someone wanted to show animals.

**May Meeting:** we talked about our collected food for the food pantry, went over fair dates and other fair information. We then voted on our Genoa Days parade float idea "Fly Into 4-H", and mention that our next meeting is June 3 to build the float. We then decided to call the fire department to register, voted on who is going to drive our float, and then talked about the drive-through pork chop dinner tickets, and when our club is working the 4-H food stand at the fair. Lastly, we handed out our 4-H member cards.



## 4-H Show Entry Process

This year, you will be making your 4-H entries ONLINE.



**Entry Deadline: June 17**

**Getting Started** – Go to: <http://dekalb4-hfair.fairentry.com>

**Log In:** Find the “Sign in with 4-H Online” green button and click to proceed. Please use the **SAME Email and Password** that you created when you enrolled in 4-H Online.

*(If you forgot your password, please use the button “I forgot my password” to have a temporary one emailed to you. If you continue to have issues, please contact Rosa or Nicole by email or phone.)*

### SECTION 1 – EXHIBITORS TAB

1. Choose that you would like to register an individual.
2. Now, choose the 4-H'er you would like to register and click CONTINUE.
3. When the Question screen appears, please just click CONTINUE.
4. Next, review the Exhibitors personal data. Please make any corrections by editing the information.
5. Click on the green “CONTINUE TO ENTRIES” box.

### SECTION 2 – ENTRIES TAB -- MAKING AN ENTRY

*Read the 2019 DeKalb County 4-H Show Book for rules and requirements for all exhibit classes.*

1. Click on the green “ADD AN ENTRY” box to the right of the exhibitor’s name.
  - ➔ Choose Department and Division
  - ➔ Select Class(s)
  - ➔ Click Choose
  - ➔ Check the box(es) of the exhibits you would like to register then click Continue
  - ➔ Review your entries then click Create Entries
  - ➔ If blue incomplete box is shown click on the blue Review/Complete Outstanding Records box
2. Repeat Step 1 to enter other project areas
3. Decide if you would like to:
  - Register Another Exhibitor (ie. Sibling) **OR**
  - Continue to Payment – choose this option when you have entered ALL of your entries.
  - **PLEASE NOTE:** shooting sports entries are only available to those enrolled in the Shooting Sports Group and must be entered by selecting the Shooting Sports Division.

### SECTION 3 – PAYMENT TAB

*There is no fee required for fair entries,* please continue with the payment tab to complete your entries.

1. Review your invoice (Fair Entries), either in summary format or detail format. If it looks correct, click the green “Continue” box. If not, go back to the Entries tab and fix the entry.
2. To finalize your entries, please click the green “Submit” box.
3. You will receive an email from Fair Entry stating that your entries were submitted. It will also list the classes you submitted.
4. **Please Note:** Once you hit submit, you cannot edit your entry or add entries until after your entries have been approved.
5. The Extension Office will then approve or reject your entries. You will be sent an email accordingly.



### Things to Know:

- If you attempt to register more entries in one class that is allowed you will get an error message.
- All non-livestock projects will be under the “General Projects” Department
- You can log on at any time and review all your entries.

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Dear 4-H Families:

Summer is here which means our 4-H members will be working on project exhibits for the 4-H Show and Fair. Knowing 4-Hers will be preparing their exhibits, we want to remind all of you that the 4-H Fair Book is online at the DeKalb County website <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/dekalb4h/>

4-Hers should follow the exhibit requirements printed in the book, and make sure they submit their entries online by midnight on Monday, June 17th. Anyone having questions about the 4-H Show, Fair or entries should give use a call. Have a great and safe summer!

Sincerely,  
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