Upcoming Events

November

6 – Livestock Judging Contest
12 – Federation
21 – Officer and Leader Training
26-27 - Office Closed

December

3 – Federation
10 – Leader's Meeting
11 – Parent's Night Out
24-1/2 – Office Closed

January

3 - Enrollment Deadline for Livestock Projects
18 - Office Closed

February

1 – Auction Committee Meeting
4 – Leader's Tea Hosted by Federation
11 – Winter Barnyard Games
15 – Livestock Day – TBA
15 – Showbook Covers Due
27 – Clover Clinic

Welcome New Members!

Dunlap Dynamite
Alexandria Taylor
Evelynn Cella
Humaira Syed
William Taylor

Dunlap Dynamite Cloverbuds
Ehbyn Howard
Enira Taylor
Liam Teng
Zamir Taylor

Edelstein Eager Beavers
Ayla Baer
Adelynn Blunier
Claire Cordis
Elizabeth Wiegand
Ivy Endress
Mark Streitmatter
Sawyer Beutel

Edelstein Eager Beavers Cloverbuds
Evan Wiegand
Sean Wiegand

Elmwood All-Stars
Jacklyn Davis
Logan Davis
Malachi Coulter

Elmwood All-Stars Cloverbuds
Delilah Coulter
Everly Davis
Joanna Davis

Jubilee Patriots
Sadie Scott

Jubilee Patriots Cloverbuds
Archer Neuzil
Levi Tackett
Whitley Scott

Kickapoo Kickers
Brantley Richmond
Holly Queen
Jackson Lowder
Lowell Queen
Mia Melton
Myah Eakle

Kickapoo Kickers Cloverbuds
Amiylah Eakle

Laura Winners
LJ Suttles

Limestone Leaders
Anneliese Freimuth
Benjamin Price
Ethan Speichinger
Liam Steinmetz

Limestone Leaders Cloverbuds
Eleanor Steinmetz
Evangeline Johnson

Peoria Clovers
Charlie Knecht
Henry Knecht
Naomi Ziegler
Thomas Knecht

Peoria Clovers Cloverbuds
Caroline Knecht
Joseph Knecht

SPIN - Stitch and Style
Charlotte Davis



Thanks for a Great Fair!

THANK YOU!

I hope you had the best time at the fair! We pulled it off again, and the only reason we can do that is because of all our awesome families and volunteers in Peoria County! Thank you so much for all of your hard work and support! I am looking forward to the coming year in 4-H!

Kristi

Winter Barnyard Games

The FIRST ANNUAL BARNYARD WINTER GAMES will be hosted in collaboration with the Peoria County Farm Bureau, who has graciously opened the doors of its brand-new building to us! It's everyone's favorite fair week activity, but with a winter twist! All 4-H members, families, and Farm Bureau members are welcome to join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition! February 11 at 6:00 PM New Peoria County Farm Bureau Building - Kickapoo. More details will be coming soon.

County-Wide Surveys

Please fill out the following surveys to provide your input on communications, Federation, Livestock Day and the Fair! General Survey: https://forms.gle/tKBN1Y53ZBK33tBT8
Livestock Show Survey: https://forms.gle/gKCfcUtd6CkejDn29

The 2027 4-H Fair will be held July 14-16, 2027. We are looking forward to the fair this year and hope you are too!

Who wants a DISCOUNT!?!

We have loved providing you the ZSuite discount SO MUCH that we are going to do it again! Enrollment is **FREE** if you enroll in **ZSuite by midnight on Saturday, November 30th!** Enroll here: https://4h.zsuite.org/ Please contact the office if you need assistance enrolling!

NEW Fair classes for 2027!

We have some exciting new fair classes that we want you to know about! We have a new 3-D Printing Category! It will not be State Fair eligible, but it WILL focus on the mechanics or models of 3D Printing. If you are planning on registering for this class for the fair, please select either Maker or Computer Generated Art in ZSuite. We are also adding Food Innovation – Charcuterie Board, as well as Food Innovation – Party Planning! If you are planning on signing up for either of these classes, please select Food Innovation in ZSuite! As a reminder, we also still offer Reading and Bicycle!

New names for old classes

3-Dimensional Mixed Media/ Diorama is now just Diorama. Chalk/ Carbon/ Pigment is now Drawing and Painting.

Officer and Leader Training

Officer and Leader Training will be on Saturday, November 21 at Dickson Mounds Museum in Lewistown (10956 N Dickson Mounds Rd, Lewistown) from 8:30 to 12:30. Youth and adults who are interested in becoming leaders or officers for their club are encouraged to attend!

A HUGE Thank you!

There aren't enough thank yous in the world to thank each and every one of you that helped make the 4-H Fair a success! I appreciate you so so so much! If you serve on a committee, or as a superintendent, or helped me with special projects, just know that you are so appreciated!

Save the Date!

Join us for Clover Clinic on February 27, 2027 at Illinois Central College! This annual event offers a variety of workshops for 4-H members to learn new skills, explore project areas, and get hands-on experience. From crafting to animal science, there's something for everyone. Registration opens soon, so don't miss out on this fun and educational opportunity! More details are coming soon!

Federation

The next Federation meeting will be Thursday, November 12 at the Kickapoo Township Hall! We will have food, and games! Let Kristi know if you can make it!

Leader's Meeting

The next Peoria County 4-H Leader's meeting will be Thursday, December 10, 2026 at the Extension office in Peoria. We will be doing some festive crafting!

Beef Weigh In

Save the date for Beef Weigh in 2027: Saturday, February 6, 2027 at Illiff Vet Clinic!

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In our four-county Extension unit, a team works together to provide 4-H programming. Each county has an individual 4-H program plus we all work together on unit-wide events and program planning.

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Parent's Night Out

Federation will once again be hosting Parent's Night Out! It is a fun-filled evening for your kids, and you don't have to worry about a babysitter! We will watch movies, play games and do crafts! We will even feed your children! Parent's night out this year is Friday, December 11 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. If you are a parent or guardian that would like the night off, please sign up here: https://forms.gle/VSWsUYzWWwtP16NW9 NOTE: *All children must be potty-trained to participate.*

Youth Livestock Conference

Registration is open for the 2027 Illinois 4-H Youth Livestock Conference (YLC), happening February 13–14, 2027, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield!
YLC is a fun-filled overnight conference for youth in 7th through 9th grades. Participants will explore the science and disciplines of livestock production and exhibition through hands-on activities, leadership development, and team-building experiences. Youth will learn new skills, connect with other 4-H members, and discover opportunities through Illinois 4-H. You don't have to own livestock to join in the fun!
Conference Dates: February 13–14, 2027
Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703
Who Can Participate: Any youth in 7th through 9th grades
Registration Timeline: October 26, 2026–January 11, 2027
Cost: $215 per participant, including lodging, meals, a t-shirt, conference supplies, and activities

Livestock Enrollment

Remember – In order to show Livestock at the fair, you MUST be enrolled in ZSuite before January 4! YQCA is also required for Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep and Swine! QAEC is required for Dogs, Cats, Horses, Poultry and rabbits! You will get plenty of reminders about these certifications.

Livestock Day 2027

We are looking forward to the 4th Annual Livestock Day! It will be held on Monday, February 15 (President's Day). Details will be out soon!

Master Showmanship

Congratulations to our Showmanship Competitors! All competitors showed swine, sheep and beef cattle. Rylie Walsh received the belt buckle for being the Champion Master Showman! She was able to compete at the State Fair as well! Aleah Martin went reserve and received a banner!

SPIN Club Excitement!

The **Dairy SPIN Club**'s next meeting is Friday, November 6 at Linden Hill Farm at 6:30 PM! Please join us if you would like to show Dairy Cattle!

If you are interested in joining the **Peoria County Sheep Spin Club** for the winter through summer of 2027, look no further! We will be meeting at Dunlap High School, with our first meeting being on January 16th, 2027. These meetings will continue through the winter and spring; and in the summer you will be coming out to my farm to work with the sheep. If you have any questions, you can either email me at slueschow@dunlapcusd.net or call my cell phone: 309-256-3115. Thank you!
IF you are in the Sheep Spin Club, and want to compete at the County Fair, you DO NEED sign up for the Sheep Project by JANUARY FIRST here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdM_485KVJvP7xQu6pEWwcUJdDnB1kKgis06-b2y8fPTfwUA/viewform

Peoria Fashion Week's next casting call for models will be Saturday, December 5 from 4 to 8 PM at Distillery Labs: 201 SW Adams St, Peoria, IL

Livestock Judging is every Tuesday night from 6-7 PM in the fall. In January, we will have a more expanded schedule! If you are interested in joining, please let Kristi know!

Attendance Reminder

According to the Illinois 4-H Management Handbook, "A youth who enrolls in a 4-H Club experience must attend at least one meeting to be called a 4-H club member. Youth that do not comply are not eligible to take part in 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums, or other 4-H awards and recognitions that are available to 4-H club members." With that being said, your leaders will be tracking your attendance. Please, if you would like to show at the 4-H fair, you need to attend at least 1 meeting. According to the same handbook, independent members must have an adult mentor to give guidance to the member's 4-H project work, and should be enrolled in ZSuite as a volunteer. I wanted to make sure that both of these rules are noted for this year. These are important rules that must be followed.

Showmanship Adventure

We successfully hosted the third Annual Showmanship Adventure competition! Competitors showed poultry, rabbits and goats. Henry Manzke won this year's Belt Buckle. Cailyn Martin received the banner for reserve! Way to go participants!

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Club Updates

Dunlap Dynamite

The next meeting will be Sunday, November 22 at 3 PM at Prospect United Methodist Church.

Edelstein Eager Beavers

The next meeting will be Monday, November 16th at 6:30 PM at the Martin house.

Elmwood All-Stars

Elmwood All-Stars Meeting was on October 18th, 2026
During this meeting new officers were elected. The following members were elected: Brenden Piper as President, Joey Boggs as Vice President, Jacklyn Davis as Secretary, and Anna Salverson as Treasurer. We discussed donating to our local food pantry. The club will donate $50 for hats/gloves and members will also donate socks. Once the meeting was adjourned we had an activity where we created floral pens.
Jacklyn Davis, Elmwood All-Stars Secretary
The next meeting will be Sunday, November 22 at 6 PM at the Brimfield Village Hall!

Jubilee Patriots

The next meeting will be Sunday, November 22 at 6 PM at the Brimfield Village Hall!

Kickapoo Kickers

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 10 at 6 PM at the Kickapoo Township Hall.

Laura Winners

The next meeting will be Sunday, November 8 at the Laura United Methodist Church at 4 PM

Limestone Leaders

We participated in the LCHS homecoming parade and our next meeting is December 19 at 6pm at alpha park library. We are participating in the Great 4-H letter exchange with the different clubs across the US and Canada.
Peoria Clovers

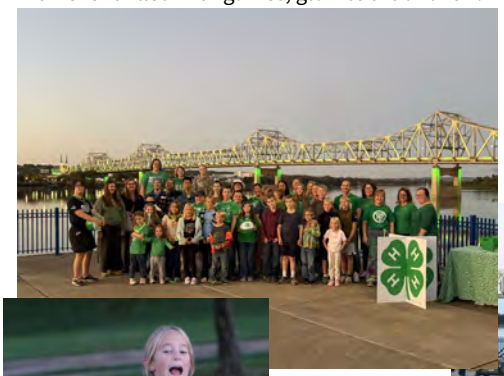
Looking for Pictures?

If you would like to see pictures from past events, check out: https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-youth-development Scroll down towards the bottom of the page, and you can see all of the pictures from past events!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you that participated in the National 4-H Week activities! We loved all of your window displays! We had the best time turning the Murray-Baker Bridge Green for 4-H week! It was a fun event filled with games, glow sticks and fun!













Peoria County 4-H Fair Success!

Congratulations to All of our Trophy Winners from this year's Fair!
(DD – Dunlap Dynamite | EAS – Elmwood All-Stars | EEB – Edelstein Eager Beavers | JP – Jubilee Patriots | KK – Kickapoo Kickers | LW – Laura Winners | LL – Limestone Leaders | NK – Neighbor Kids | PC – Peoria Clovers | RS – Rabbit SPIN

SCIENCE

Animal Science I & II - Molly Joos: EEB
Veterinary Science I & II - Ellie Joos: EEB
Overall Science Project - Ellie Joos: EEB

COMMUNITY DEVEL. AND GLOBAL AWARENESS

Civic Engagement 1, 2 & 3 - Sebastian Mattern: JP
Overall Community Development & Global Awareness - Sebastian Mattern: JP

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Overall Design Decisions - Mackinzie Murphy: LW
Baby Sitting - Kinley Martin: EEB
Overall Human Development - Kinley Martin: EEB

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

Sewing 1 - Cailyn Martin: EEB
Sewing 2 - Esther Young: EEB
Sewing 3 - Ivory Herrmann: EEB
Clothing Embellishment - Caitlin Murphy: LW
Shopping In Style - All Levels - Ellie Joos: EEB
Overall Clothing & Textiles - Ivory Herrmann: EEB

COMMUNICATIONS

Photography Overall - Ivory Herrmann: EEB
Photography 1 - William Munday: LL
Photography 2 - Ivory Herrmann: EEB
Photography 3 - Kinley Martin: EEB
Photo Editing - Ashlynn McFarland: LW
Poetry - Paul Munday: LL
Video/ Filmmaking (All Categories) - Sebastian Mattern: JP
Public Presentations (All Categories)
Creative Writing - Anna Salverson: EAS
Overall Communications Project - Anna Salverson: EAS
Collectibles - Simon Stoller: EEB
Personal Development Overall - Simon Stoller: EEB

HORTICULTURE & AGRONOMY

Hay - Aleah Martin: EEB
Overall Agronomy - Aleah Martin: EEB
Floral Design - All Categories - Callie Plumer: JP
Plant Propagation - All Categories - Claire Manzke: JP
Ornamental Display - All Categories - Henry Manzke : JP
Floriculture Innovation - Ellie Joos: EEB
Floriculture Overall - Callie Plumer: JP
Herb Container Display - Ellie Joos: EEB
Vegetable/ Fruit Market Display - Shiloh Herrmann: EEB
Vegetable Plate - Asher Herrmann: EEB
Vegetable Gardening Display - Dollar Perham: LW
Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits Overall - Shiloh Herrmann: EEB

FOOD AND NUTRITION

4-H Cooking 101 - Ember Martin: EEB
4-H Cooking 201 - Daniel Speichinger: LL
4-H Cooking 301 - Jade Stoller: EEB
4-H Cooking 401 - Kayna Yess: EEB
Food Preservation (All Categories) - Esther Young: EEB
Foods Innovation: Candy Making - Kinley Martin: EEB
Food Decorating - All Levels - Ember Martin: EEB
Foods Innovation - Naomi Cunningham: LL
Food Science - All Categories - Dalton Ehnle: EEB
Cooking Overall - Kayna Yess: EEB

VISUAL ARTS

Paper - Claire Manzke: JP
Fiber - Emma Ziegler: PC
Clay - Natalie Smith: DD
Wood - Jacob Young: EEB
Chalk/ Carbon/ Pigment: Division A, B & C - Shiloh Herrmann: EEB
Glass - Imri Herrmann: EEB
Plastic - Tucker Strack: LL
Metal - Trey Ehnle: EEB
Open Form and Emerging Techniques - Ella Schmidt: PC
Three Dimensional Design/ Mixed Media - Natalie Smith: DD
Heritage Arts - Paul Munday: LL
Computer Generated Art - Caitlin Murphy: LW
Graphic Design - Ellie Joos: EEB
Scrapbooking - All Levels - Anna Salverson: EAS
Quilting - All Levels - Alaythea Yess: EEB
Three-Dimensional Design/ Mixed Media – Diorama - Ivory Herrmann: EEB
Leather - Asher Herrmann: EEB
Overall Visual Arts - Natalie Smith: DD

MECHANICS & TECHNOLOGIES

Aerospace - Tucker Strack: LL
Creating with Building Bricks - Tucker Strack: LL
Electricity 1, 2, 3 & 4 - Trey Ehnle: EEB
Robotics 1, 2 & 3 - Tucker Strack : LL
Small Engines 1, 2 & 3 - Henry Manzke: JP
Woodworking - All Levels - Titus Herrmann: EEB
Tractor A, B, C & D - Brenden Piper: EAS
Overal Mechanics and Technologies - Titus Herrmann: EEB

NATURAL RESOURCES

Natural Resources & Outdoor Adventures Innovation - Shiloh Herrmann: EEB
Outdoor Adventures 1, 2 & 3 - Donnie Suydam: PC
Sport Fishing 1, 2 & 3 - Annabell Strack: LL
Fish & Wildlife Innovation - Naomi Cunningham: LL
Entomology 1, 2 & 3 - Logan Stoller: EEB
Forestry 1, 2 & 3 - Samuel Moore: LL
Bee Keeping 1, 2 & 3 - Oakley Freimuth: LL
Shooting Sports – Archery - Oakley Freimuth: LL
Weather & Climate Science 1, 2 & 3 - Malachi Herrmann: EEB
Overall Natural Resources - Logan Stoller: EEB

Livestock Show Successes

BEEF

Bucket Calf - Dollar Perham: LW
Champion Registered Heifer - Aleah Martin: EEB
Reserve Champion Registered Heifer - Reagan Walsh: LW
Grand Champion Heifer Overall - Aleah Martin: EEB
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer Overall - Reagan Walsh: LW
Champion Registered Steer - Jade Stoller: EEB
Champion Crossbred Steer - Keston Grohmann: JP
Reserve Champion Crossbred Steer - Jedidiah Coulter: EAS
Grand Champion Steer Overall - Keston Grohmann: JP
Reserve Grand Champion Steer Overall - Jedidiah Coulter: EAS
Top Rate of Gain - Dollar Perham: LW
Novice Beef Showmanship - Jedidiah Coulter: EAS
Junior Beef Showmanship - Brinnley McFarland: LW
Senior Beef Showmanship - Aleah Martin: EEB
Challenge Beef Showmanship - Aleah Martin: EEB

SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITIONS

Grand Champion 4-H Master Showman - Rylie Walsh: LW
Reserve Champion 4-H Master Showman - Aleah Martin: EEB
Grand Champion 4-H Showmanship Adventure - Henry Manzke: JP
Reserve Champion 4-H Showmanship Adventure - Cailyn Martin: EEB

CAT

Best Of Show – Household - Hayden Church: RS
Best of Show Cat Overall - Hayden Church: RS
Champion Cat Costume - Hayden Church: RS
Champion Cat Showmanship – Senior - Hayden Church: RS

RABBIT

Grand Champion 4 Class - Callie Plumer: JP
Grand Champion 6 Class - Callie Plumer: JP
Best Of Show Rabbit - Callie Plumer: JP
Champion Meat Pen - Hayden Church: RS
Junior Rabbit Showmanship - Claire Manzke: JP
Senior Rabbit Showmanship - Callie Plumer: JP
Challenge Rabbit Showmanship - Callie Plumer: JP
Champion Pet Rabbit - Ellie Joos: EEB
Champion Rabbit Costume - Ellie Joos: EEB

SWINE

Champion Purebred Gilt - Rylie Walsh: LW
Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt - Rylie Walsh: LW
Champion Crossbred Gilt - Cane Weaver: LW
Grand Champion Pair of Gilts - Joey Boggs: EAS
Grand Champion Pair of Barrows - Joey Boggs: EAS
Reserve Champion Crossbred Gilt - Jedidiah Coulter: EAS
Grand Champion Gilt Overall - Cane Weaver: LW
Reserve Grand Champion Gilt Overall - Rylie Walsh: LW
Grand Champion Barrow Overall - Braelyn Hofstatter: LW
Reserve Grand Champion Barrow Overall - Trice Hofstatter: LW
Youth Swine Showmanship - Mattie Windish: EAS
Junior Swine Showmanship - Cane Weaver: LW
Senior Swine Showmanship - Rylie Walsh: LW
Challenge Swine Showmanship - Braelyn Hofstatter: LW

GOAT

Champion Meat Doe - Trey Ehnle: EEB
Champion Meat Wether - Keston Grohmann: JP
Grand Champion Doe - Trey Ehnle: EEB
Reserve Champion Doe - Keston Grohmann: JP
Grand Champion Wether - Keston Grohmann: JP
Junior Showmanship - Dalton Ehnle: EEB
Senior Showmanship - Trey Ehnle: EEB
Challenge Showmanship - Trey Ehnle: EEB

DAIRY

Grand Champion Brown Swiss Cow - Dietrich King: NK
Grand Champion Brown Swiss Heifer - Elias King: NK
Grand Champion Crossbred Cow - Dietrich King: NK
Grand Champion Jersey Cow - Ashlynn McFarland: LW
Grand Campion Jersey Heifer - Ty McFarland: LW
Grand Champion Female - Reagan King: NK
Reserve Grand Champion Female - Ashlynn McFarland: LW
Best Udder - Ashlynn McFarland: LW
Best Dam & Daughter - Ashlynn McFarland: LW
Best Produce of Dam - Brinnley McFarland: LW
Best Three Female - Ashlynn McFarland: LW
Novice Dairy Showmanship - Dietrich King: NK
Junior Dairy Showmanship - Brinnley McFarland: LW
Senior Dairy Showmanship - Rylie Walsh: LW
Challenge Dairy Showmanship - Rylie Walsh: LW

Trophy Thank you Reminder

Remember to send a thank you note to the generous donors who provided trophies and awards for this year's fair. It's important to show our appreciation for their support of the 4-H community. If you need help with contact information, please reach out to the office.

DOG

Grand Champion Dog Care & Grooming - Kinley Martin: EEB
Junior Dog Showmanship - Cailyn Martin: EEB
Senior Dog Showmanship - Aleah Martin: EEB
Grand Champion Beginner Novice I - Kinley Martin: EEB
Grand Champion Beginner Novice II - Titus Herrmann: EEB
Grand Champion Preferred Novice - Aleah Martin: EEB
Grand Champion Rally - Aleah Martin: EEB
Grand Champion Rally Novice - Ellie Joos: EEB
Grand Champion Rally Intermediate - Aleah Martin: EEB

SHEEP

Grand Champion Ewe Lamb - Alyvia Cowser: LW
Grand Champion Ram Lamb - Natalie Smith: DD
Grand Champion Market Lamb - Alyvia Cowser: LW
Grand Champion Pair of Ram & Ewe - Natalie Smith: DD
Grand Champion Yearling - Felicity Ziegler: PC
Rookie of the Year - Henry Manzke: JP
Champion Aged Wether - Henry Manzke: JP
Champion Sheep Costume - Rylie Walsh: LW
Junior Sheep Showmanship - Henry Manzke: JP
Senior Sheep Showmanship - Colson Cowser: LW
Challenge Sheep Showmanship - Rylie
Grand Champion Fleece - Felicity Ziegler: PC

POULTRY

Champion Standard Breed Pullet - Gena Unsicker: JP
Champion Standard Breed Cockerel - Claire Manzke: JP
Champion Standard Breed Trio - Claire Manzke: JP
Champion Bantam Pullet - Claire Manzke: JP
Champion Bantam Cockerel - Callie Plumer: JP
Champion Bantam Trio - Claire Manzke: JP
Champion All Other Fowl - Callie Plumer: JP
Champion Market Pen - Claire Manzke: JP
Grand Champion Pullet - Gena Unsicker: JP
Grand Champion Cockerel - Callie Plumer: JP
Grand Champion Trio - Claire Manzke: JP
Grand Champion Production Bird - Kynzie Johnson: JP
Junior Poultry Showmanship - Gena Unsicker: JP
Senior Poultry Showmanship - Callie Plumer: JP
Challenge Poultry Showmanship - Henry Manzke: JP
Champion Dozen Eggs - Kynzie Johnson: JP



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We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support as trophy sponsors. Your contribution not only rewards the hard work and dedication of our participants but also inspires them to continue striving for excellence.

These awards represent more than just success in competitions—they symbolize the values of perseverance, leadership, and learning that 4-H instills in every young person. By supporting these efforts, you help foster a sense of accomplishment and pride that motivates our members to reach new heights!

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Congratulations to our State Fair Junior Livestock Exhibitors!

Raelyn Blunier | Edelstein Eager Beavers
Dark Cross Gilt | 10th
Yorkshire Barrow | 5th | 4th LOL

Alyvia Cowser | Laura Winners
Junior Black Faced Crossbred Market Lamb | 1st
Junior Natural Color Market Lamb | 4th
Open Black Faced Crossbred Market Lamb | 1st

Kendall Cowser | Laura Winners
Junior Oxford Market Lamb | 3rd
Open Oxford Market Lamb | 1st

Braelyn Hofstatter | Laura Winners
Junior Light Cross Barrow | 3rd
Junior Premier Carcass Barrow | 2nd
Junior Carcass Evaluation | 18th
Open Landrace Barrow | 1st | 1st LOL
Open Light Cross Barrow | 3rd
Open Premier Carcass Barrow | 1st

Trice Hofstatter | Laura Winners
Junior Light Cross Barrow | 2nd
Junior Dark Cross Barrow | 4th
Junior Tamworth Barrow | 5th | 4th LOL
Open Light Cross Barrow | 1st | *Champion* | ***Reserve Grand Open Barrow***
Open Tamworth Barrow | 2nd | 2nd LOL

Claire Manzke | Jubilee Patriots
Junior All Asiatic Breeds – Pullet | 5th
Junior Feather Legged Bantam, All other varieties – Cockerel | 1st | *Reserve Champion*
Junior Feather Legged Bantam, All other varieties – Pullet | 1st
Junior Rose Comb and Clean Legged Bantams – Cockerel | 1st
Junior Rose Comb and Clean Legged Bantams – Pullet | 3rd

Henry Manzke | Jubilee Patriots
Junior All other Standard Breed – Cockerel | 1st
Junior All other Standard Breed – Pullet | 3rd
Junior All other American Breeds - Pullet | 4th
Junior Feather Legged, Cochin Bantams – Cockerel | 2nd
Junior Old English and American Game Bantams – Cockerel | 2nd
Junior Old English and American Game Bantams – Pullet | 2nd
Junior Dozen Brown Eggs | 3rd
Junior Roaster Meat Pen | 1st | ***Reserve Grand Champion Overall Poultry Meat Pens***
Senior Showmanship | 2nd | *Reserve Grand Champion*

Aleah Martin | Edelstein Eager Beavers
Junior Hereford Female | 3rd | 1st LOL
Open Horned Hereford Female | 2nd | *Reserve Early Junior Champion*| 1st LOL

Cailyn Martin | Edelstein Eager Beavers
Limousin – Lim Flex Female | 3rd

Kinley Martin | Edelstein Eager Beavers
Simmental Female | 7th | 4th LOL

Ashlynn McFarland | Laura Winners
Junior Winter Yearling Jersey Heifer | 4th | 3rd LOL
Junior Spring Heifer Jersey Calf | 9th | 8th LOL
Junior Fall Yearling Jersey Heifer | 4th | 4th LOL
Junior Winter Heifer Jersey Calf | 5th | 5th LOL
Open Fall Yearling Jersey Heifer | 4th | 4th LOL
Open Spring Heifer Jersey Calf | 10th | 8th LOL
Open Winter Yearling Jersey Heifer | 5th | 3rd LOL
Open Winter Heifer Jersey Calf | 6th | 4th LOL

Callie Plumer | Jubilee Patriots
Junior Feather Legged Bantam, All Other Varieties – Cockerel | 2nd
Duck – Female | 1st
All other miscellaneous Poultry – Male | 1st
All other miscellaneous Poultry – Female | 1st
Duck – Male | 4th
Miscellaneous Market Poultry | 2nd | *Reserve Champion*
Junior Buck – Four Class AOB | 4th
Junior New Zealand Intermediate Buck | 5th
Junior New Zealand Intermediate Doe | 9th
Junior AOB Senior Buck – Six-Class | 1st
Junior AOB Senior Buck – Six Class | 3rd
Junior AOB Senior Doe – Six Class | 3rd
Junior AOB Senior Doe - Six Class | 6th
Junior AOB Junior Buck – Six-Class | 4th
Junior AOB Senior Buck – Six-Class | 5th
Junior AOB Senior Doe – Six-Class | 5th
Junior AOB Senior Buck - Four Class | 12th
Junior AOB Senior Doe - Four Class | 11th
Junior AOB Senior Doe - Four Class | 14th
Junior AOB Junior Doe - Four Class | 8th



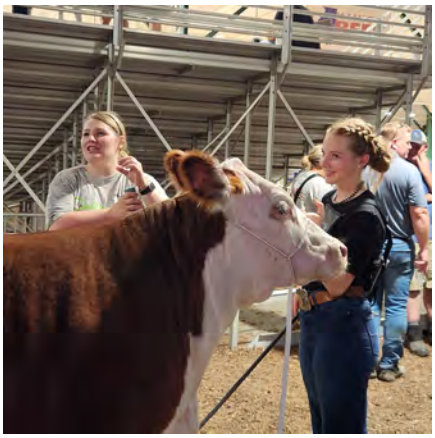
Henry Manzke *with his family (Claire, Steve and Jennifer) and his Reserve Grand Champion Overall Poultry Meat Pen*

Gena Unsicker | Jubilee Patriots
Junior Feather Legged Bantam, All Other Varieties – Cockerel | 4th
Junior Dozen Brown Eggs | 4th

Reagan Walsh | Laura Winners
Junior Natural Color Market Lamb | 3rd
Open Natural Color Market Lamb | 5th

Rylie Walsh | Laura Winners
Junior Hampshire Gilt | 2nd | 2nd LOL | *4th Overall Hampshire*
Junior Berkshire Gilt | 4th | 2nd LOL
Junior Duroc Gilt | 8th
Junior Hampshire Market Lamb | 4th
Open Hampshire Market Lamb | 7th

Cane Weaver | Laura Winners
Junior Dark Cross Gilt | 6th



Congratulations Rylie! *Rylie did a great job at Master Showmanship at the State Fair this year! Here she is getting a Hereford Heifer ready to show, being mentored by Becca Smith.*

Congratulations May!

May Bach was inducted to the Hall of Fame at the Illinois State Fair this year! Make sure to congratulate her when you see her! We are lucky to have May in Peoria County!



More State Fair Success!

Hayden Church - 4-H Cooking 401 French Bread
Naomi Cunningham - Foods Innovation: ***Day 3, Inspire***
Emma DeLaTorre - 3-D Design/ Mixed Media: Diorama
Carter Ehnle - Creating with Building Bricks: Scene/ Storytelling
Dalton Ehnle - Food Science 1 - 4
Trey Ehnle - Electricity 4: ***Day 2, Reserve Champion***
Oakley Freimuth - Beekeeping 1: ***Day 3, Reserve Champion***
Dinah Harding - Chalk/ Carbon/ Pigment Division A: Canvas
Elaina Joos - Sewing 1 Clothing: ***Day 2, Inspire***
Elise Joos - Floriculture Innovation: ***Day 2, Reserve Champion***
Ellie Joos - Computer Generated Art - Graphic Design: ***Champion, Day 2***
Emmy Joos - Natural Resources or Outdoor Adventures Innovation
Claire Manzke - Paper 3D
Henry Manzke - Small Engines 1-3: ***Champion, Day 3***
Aleah Martin - Creative Writing
Cailyn Martin - Sewing 1 Non-Clothing: ***Champion, Day 2***
Ember Martin - 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars
Kinley Martin - Babysitting Display: ***Champion, Day 2***
Ashlynn McFarland - Photo Editing: ***Day 3, Reserve Champion***
Henry Moore - 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars: ***Champion, Day 3***
Samuel Moore - Woodworking 1
Paul Munday - Heritage Arts
William Munday - Photography 1
Caitlin Murphy - Computer-Generated Art: ***Day 3, Inspire***
Mackinzie Murphy - Design Decisions - Intermediate - 3-4 yrs experience: ***Champion, Day 3***
Brenden Piper - Tractor D: ***Champion, Day 3***



Brenden Piper *with his Champion Tractor project!*



Natalie Smith *with her Champion Visual Arts/ Clay project!*

Callie Plumer - Chalk/Pigment Division B: Paper
Anna Salverson - Scrapbooking – Advanced: ***Champion, Day 3***
Ella Schmidt - Open Form and Emerging Techniques: ***Champion, Day 2***
Natalie Smith – Clay: ***Champion, Day 3***
Warren Smith - Horticulture - Floriculture: Propagated Plants Cuttings/ Layer/ Division/ Seed
Daniel Speichinger - 4-H Cooking 201 Nut Bread
Brady Still - Weather and Climate Science 2: ***Day 3, Inspire***
Carter Stoller - Entomology 1: ***Champion, Day 2***
Logan Stoller - Entomology 2: ***Day 2, Reserve Champion***
Simon Stoller - Wood
Annabell Strack - Sportfishing 2: ***Day 3, Reserve Champion***
Mary Ann Strack - Design Decisions - Beginning - 1-2 yrs experience
Tucker Strack - Robotics 1: ***Champion, Day 3***
Donnie Suydam - Outdoor Adventures 1-3
Jonathan Wilcox - Creating with Building Bricks: Object: ***Champion, Day 3***
Emma Ziegler - Fiber

Welcome to 4-H Cloverbud Graduates!

We are proud to recognize our Cloverbud graduates for their growth and participation in 4-H! The 2023-2024 Cloverbud Graduates are: Sawyer Beutel, Malachi Coulter, Myah Eakle, Louie Ehnle, Stella Kerrigan, Iris Martin, Benjamin Price, Victoria Pullen, Brantley Richmond, Anne Seymour, Ethan Speichinger, Fletcher Suydam, Naomi Ziegler! You've taken your first steps in the world of 4-H, and we're excited to see what you'll accomplish as you continue your journey. Keep up the great work!

Thank you Junior Superintendents!

We couldn't do it without you! A huge thank you to our Junior Superintendents for your hard work and leadership during the fair and throughout the year. Your commitment to helping things run smoothly is truly appreciated!

Congratulations Graduates!

We want to extend a warm congratulations to all of our 4-H graduates! Your hard work, leadership, and commitment have made a lasting impact. The Class of 2026 included: Barrett Gangloff, Sanvi Kankati, Brady Martin, Caitlin Murphy, Johanna Rayani, Emma Slayton, Marie Theobald, Reagan Walsh, and David Wang! Good luck in your future pursuits, whether you're continuing your education, joining the workforce, or starting a new adventure.

A Big Thank you!

Peoria County 4-H Members and Auction Committee would like to thank you for your generous support at the 2026 4-H Auction. Your contribution helps Peoria County Youth Continue to learn and grow through their 4-H Projects. Howard Herrmann | Lozier Oil Company, Inc. | Korth Farms | Nutrien Ag Solutions | Akron Services, Inc. | Peoria County Corn & Soy Promoters | Peoria County Young Leaders | Cowser Seed | Apex Seed | Sam Martin | Janssen Auctioneers | Grandpa & Grandma Coulter | Jeff & Susan Coulter | Cowser Family | Cowser Field & Feedlot | Joash Martin | Smith Farms | Hofstatter Farms | Peoria County 4-H & Extension Foundation | Streitmatter Brothers - Sparland

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Holiday office Hours

As the holiday season approaches, please be aware of our adjusted office hours. The 4-H office will be closed from November 26th through the 27th. Normal hours will resume on November 30th. The office will also be closed December 24 through January 1. Normal Office hours will resume on January 2. If you have any pressing concerns or questions, please reach out to us before these dates, or send an email, and we will respond as soon as possible.

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Upcoming Peoria County 4-H Events

November
6 - Neighbor Kids Dairy SPIN Club Meeting
6 – Livestock Judging Contest
12 – Federation
21 – Officer and Leader Training
26-27 - Office Closed

December
3 – Federation
10 – Leader's Meeting
11 – Parent's Night Out
24-1/2 – Office Closed

January
3 - Enrollment Deadline for Livestock Projects
18 - Office Closed

February
1 – Auction Committee Meeting
4 – Leader's Tea Hosted by Federation
11 – Winter Barnyard Games
15 – Livestock Day – TBA
15 – Showbook Covers Due
27 – Clover Clinic

Look inside to learn more!