University of Illinois Extension, Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit



Cathy Ludolph Scholarship

We told you that we would have a lot of fun ways to remember Cathy. We are starting out with a brand new Scholarship. Any Peoria County 4-H member is eligible to receive this scholarship. The purpose of it is to fund projects that 4-H members can't afford. You can find the application on our website. Kristi would also be happy to print a copy for you!

Scholarships

The Scholarship Applications are now on the website! Scroll to the bottom and click on resources. Kristi would also be happy to print a copy for you! The Cathy Ludolph Opportunity Scholarship is due June 1. All other Scholarship applications are due June 15. This includes: The 4-H Leadership Scholarship, Doris Schoenbein 4-H Scholarship, Jason Coulter Memorial Award, and the Bob Forney Memorial Award.

FairEntry

Fair Entry will open on May 16. All entries are due June 15. Please let us know if you have any questions about FairEntry. Remember, you have to make a new account this year. FairEntry will tell us what you are planning to bring to the fair.

CONGRATULATIONS to our State Public Speaking Participants

Congratulations to those who went to the State Public Speaking Contest! We had TWO groups in the top three! Grace Ziegler of the Peoria Clovers received third place for her Formal Speech called "Big Family Blessings." Asher and Shiloh Herrmann of the Edelstein Eager Beavers received second place for their Team Oral Interpretation called "How to Apologize." Genevieve Jennings of the Elmwood All-Stars also participated!

Family Heritage Workshop

We are very fortunate to be hosting a Family Heritage workshop at the Extension office in Peoria on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6 p.m.! Come learn about how to trace your family roots, and hear some very interesting stories from an expert! Register here: go.illinois.edu/genealogy23



Caitlin with Representative Randy E. Frese (Left), Representative Norine K. Hammond (Middle), and Representative Travis Weaver (Right).

Legislative Connection Day

On April 26, Catilin Murphy of the Laura Winners, traveled to the State Capital for Legislative Connection Day. Caitlin had the opportunity to visit with our elected officials, and learn about the state legislative process. Caitlin had participated in the Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, which allowed her to do this! If you have any questions about Speaking for Illinois 4-H or the Legislative Connection Day, feel free to reach out to Kristi or to Caitlin!



Caitlin (right) with Senator David Koehler

Master Showmanship Change

We have a change to this year's Master Showmanship Contest. This contest will still be held on July 14. Each species will happen during their respective species' Challenge Showmanship Competition. You will have a number that will point out that you are a Master Showmanship participant. Anyone that are 14-18 in 4-H years can participate in Master Showmanship. We are initiating this change so that each species can get home out of the heat instead of waiting all day. You will need to coordinate with your fellow 4-H members to borrow livestock. Please fill out this form to participate: forms.gle/LjqctqgLeDpzWJ9J7 You are also welcome to sign up the morning of the event. You will need to find Kristi to sign up. You will also need to make sure that you are around promptly at 8 a.m. to participate. We cannot accept entries after the Sheep show.

Great job Peoria County!

Way to Pledge your Hands to Larger Service Peoria County!!! With your help, we packed over 75 birthday bags! Great job!





Unit 4-H Staff

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.

Krista Gray

4-H Program Coordinator, Fulton County

Joli Pierson

4-H Program Coordinator, Mason County

Kristi Smith

4-H Program Coordinator, Peoria County

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Paula Lane, Mason County Office Support

Angela Sassine, Peoria County Office Support

Julann Schierer, Tazewell County Office Support

Fair Theme

The theme for this year's fair is "Pledging our Hands to Larger Service!" You are welcome to incorporate this into your Share the Fun Skit, or your Spirit display!

Junior Superintendents Needed

If you are interested in becoming a Junior Superintendent for this year's fair, please fill out this form: forms.gle/6vUP7BkxqW1tYrF8A

Showbook

The showbook is (almost) done! You can access it here: go.illinois.edu/Peoria4HShowbook

If you have requested a showbook, I am hoping to get those printed here pretty soon. I will be printing copies for leaders and superintendents as well. You will also be able to view it on our website by scrolling to the bottom, and selecting "Fairs and Shows" It should be the first link at the top!

National Anthem singers needed

If you are interested in singing the National Anthem with a group before the Barnyard Games at the Fair, please fill out this form: forms.gle/v1F2DphHKKq88Go29

Can you keep a secret?

We want to surprise the Cloverbuds with a graduation ceremony! This will be on Thursday night of the Fair! If you have a Cloverbud that will not be a Cloverbud, but a 4-H member next year (they are currently 7 in 4-H years), please make sure that they will get recognized. We will have a special treat for them, and we would like to make sure we have enough! forms.gle/XJjiQSCQTpZw4BoEA

Share the Fun

Make sure that your clubs are coming up with and practicing their Share the Fun Skits! This is a fun activity at the 4-H Fair that you get to show your club spirit at! This year's theme for the Fair is "Pledging our Hands to Larger Service!"

Heart Of Illinois Fair

We are fortunate to have our 4-H Fair at Exposition Gardens! This year, our 4-H fair is before the Heart of Illinois Fair! I would encourage you to enter in the Heart of Illinois Fair. They have a Junior Division in most categories! It only costs \$1 to enter, and it is super fun to see your projects on display again! I would recommend that if you get selected for the State Fair that you would not take your project. I would still encourage you to enter whatever you can! The fairbook and entry form for the HOI Fair can be found here: www.heartofillinoisfair.com/pageserver/fair-book

Horse Show Location Change

The horse show will take place at a NEW Location!!!! The horse show will still be Sunday, July 9. We are really excited about this change!

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Spirit Display Contest

All Peoria County 4-H Clubs are invited to create a 4-H Spirit Display at the Fair. The guidelines of the display are:

- Include club name as part of display, meeting dates, times, location and leader contact info
- Display can either be a table display or a stall display in one of the livestock barns or something different. Please let the Extension office know in advance what type of display your club will have
- Set up can be done on early set up day, Monday, August 1, or early Wednesday morning, August 3
- Judging will take place on Wednesday, and the winner will be announced Friday night at the beginning of the Clothing Review in the Youth Building
- 2023 Theme "Pledging our Hands to Larger Service"
- Clubs are responsible for bringing all supplies
- Judges are looking for Creativity, Neatness, Eye Appeal,
 Use of Theme, Club Name and how 4-H is used in the
 display. You also will want to remember to use this space
 for the club canned food drive! We want to provide healthy
 options for local food banks.

We will be sending out a list by email soon of healthy options for the display.

We will give extra points to whoever brings Cleaning products to donate to the food banks!

Golden Pitchfork Award

If you will be a livestock exhibitor this year, you are eligible to participate in the Golden Pitchfork Contest. The rules can be found in the showbook, as well as on this form: forms.gle/aicdRcYsktv47Bhv7

Dog Obedience SPIN Club

The Dog Obedience SPIN Club meets on Thursday nights at Expo Gardens starting at 7 p.m.. I know they are having a ton of fun! If you are planning on showing a dog at the 4-H fair, you should visit this club! If you would like to attend, please contact Teena at: 309-657-6492

Great Learning Garden SPIN Club

The Great Learning Garden SPIN Club will be having work days every Tuesday and Thursday at Wildlife Prairie Park! They will also continue to meet the Last Saturday of the Month! Contact May if you would like to attend:

may.bach23455@yahoo.com, or 309-397-5008

Sheep SPIN Club

The next meeting of the Sheep SPIN Club will be on May 20 at the Kickapoo Township Hall! If you would like to be involved with the planning of what working on the lambs will look like for the summer, you should definitely come to this meeting!

Come Celebrate Cathy Ludolph

A Pizza Party to celebrate former 4-H coordinator Cathy Ludolph will be held on Thursday, July 13 at the Peoria County 4-H Fair! If you would like to come, please RSVP on the event page on Facebook, or let us know so that we get a good estimate for how many pizzas we need!

State Fair Entries

Please make sure to check the ownership deadlines for Livestock for the Illinois State Fair. Horse Entries are due June 1, and Livestock Entries are due July 1. **Kristi has to sign off on these,** and will NOT be in the office very much the last week of June. Please plan accordingly.

Tablecloths

We love our tablecloths for the fair! This year we will be adding tablecloths to the Judge's tables! If you are interested in helping to make the tablecloths, please let Kristi know. They can count as a Sewing 1 project and will be judged a bit earlier in the day. We have fabric available at the office if you would like to pick some up!

Archery SPIN Club

The Archery ŠPIN Club starts on May 6! We will not be meeting during Mother's Day weekend.

Pheasants Forever Trap Shoots

Pheasants Forever is hosting trap shoot practices again this year! The meets will be at the Chillicothe Sportsman's Club. This is not a 4-H event, however, it is good practice! If you are interested, you can fill this form out, and Kristi will share your information with Pheasants Forever! forms.gle/soP9NxtHHTTW4]GF9

Showbook Cover Design Contest

Congratulations to Genevieve Jennings of the Elmwood All-Stars for winning the Showbook Cover Design Contest! Our voting population also nominated Nicole Herrmann of the Elmwood All-Stars to be the back inside cover! Great job to all of our competitors! I was really impressed, and so was everyone that voted! We had 9 amazing entries this year! Way to go!

New Alumni

If you are going to become a new alumni after this 4-H year, meaning that this is your last year in 4-H, we want to celebrate YOU! We will be recognizing our new alumni after the Share the Fun Contest on Thursday, July 13 at the 4-H Fair. If you would like to be recognized, please fill out this form: forms.gle/1YBQaz1KBf26yfBk8 We won't know that you want to be recognized unless you fill it out!

Federation Messy Games Night

June 1, the Peoria County 4-H Federation is hosting a Messy Games night! We have invited the Federations from other counties to come get Messy! If you are Federation Age (13 and up), you are welcome to join us! This will be a really fun time! But don't wear your nice clothes!

Upcoming Events

Mav

- 1 Project Enrollment Deadline
- 4 Dog Obedience SPIN Club Meeting
- 6 Archery SPIN Club Start Date
- 9 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 9 Genealogy Workshop
- 11 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 11 Federation Meeting Leader's Appreciation Tea 11 Dog Obedience SPIN Club Meeting
- 13 State Robotics Contest
- 15 Trophy Sponsor Deadline
- 16 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 16 Auction Committee Meeting
- 16 Entries Open for Fair
- 18 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 18 Dog Obedience SPIN Club Meeting
- 20 Archery SPIN Club Meeting
- 20 Sheep SPIN Club Meeting
- 23 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 25 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 25 Dog Obedience SPIN Club Meeting
- 27 Great Learning Garden SPIN Club Meeting
- 27 Neighbor Kids Dairy SPIN Club
- 27 Archery SPIN Club Meeting
- 29 Office Closed
- 30 Great Learning Garden Work Day

June

- 1 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 1 Dog Obedience SPIN Club Meeting
- 1 Federation Messy Games Meeting
- 3 Archery SPIN Club Meeting
- 6 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 8 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 8 Dog Obedience SPIN Club
- 10 Archery SPIN Club Meeting
- 13 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 15 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 15 Dog Obedience SPIN Club Meeting
- 19—Office Closed
- 20 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 22 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 22 Dog Obedience SPIN Club
- 22 Leader's Meeting 6 p.m.
- 27 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 29 Great Learning Garden Work Day
- 29 Dog Obedience SPIN Club Meeting

July

- 4 Office Closed
- 6 Great Learning Garden SPIN Club Meeting
- 6 Dog Obedience SPIN Club Meeting
- 6 Federation Meeting
- 9 Peoria County Horse Show
- 10 Set up at Expo Gardens
- 12-14 Peoria County 4-H Fair

August

- 3 Federation Meeting TBD
- 13 Peoria County Day at the Illinois State Fair



Congratulations Graduates!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES! We want to wish you good luck in your next step, whatever

that may be! Congratulations to: Mikayla Lindahl of the Jubilee Patriots, Annemarie Litwiller of the Midnight Riders, Steven Ohlson Independent, Alexa Salverson of the Elmwood All Stars, and Slone Windish of the Elmwood All Stars! We would like to recognize you all at this year's 4-H Fair! Please fill out the form: forms.gle/TE3BKGdniNiYLsbz7

Welcome New Members!

Chillicothe Youth on Fire:

Faith Relaford Rachel Weech

Dunlap Dynamite:

Blake Hays Alice Hays Takeo Parkinson

Edelstein Eager Beavers:

Dasia Knobloch Jedidiah Zielke Kiah Chenault Ryker Chenault Wyatt Beutel Zeke Chenault

Elmwood All-Stars:

Daniel Showman Porter Jennings

Jubilee Patriots:

Ella Johnson Kynzie Johnson

Laura Winners:

Cole Cox

Limestone Leaders:

Connor Speichinger Elizabeth Price

Peoria County Independent Members:

Humaira Syed Ibrahim Syed Sulaiman Syed

Great Learning Garden SPIN Club:

Clare Kortz Haley Perring

Welcome New Cloverbuds!

Dunlap Dynamite Cloverbuds:

Abigail Park

Edelstein Eager Beavers Cloverbuds:

Jack Ehnle

Limestone Leaders Cloverbuds:

Daniel Speichinger Henry Moore Samuel Moore



Club Happenings

Dunlap Dynamite



February 26, 2023 Dunlap Dynamite 4-H Club Meeting Report On the February meeting we started with both the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. We had lots of new members this month, so we introduced ourselves to get to know each other. We doubled our amount of Cloverbud members. We put together birthday bags for our local food pantry as a service project. We included cake mix, icing, decorations, small toys/giftcards, birthday cards, plates, napkins, etc. We had enough supplies to do 26 birthday bags. We were extremely shocked with how successful the birthday bags project was because our initial goal was to make between five and ten. After our group effort of getting the birthday bags together, we had a snack and went home.

March 26, 2023 Dunlap Dynamite 4-H Club Meeting Report We started off our meeting by talking about how it was going to be Mixed March, which meant that our meeting would be backwards. Because of this, we started off with a snack. The snack was chips, gatorade, and apple sauce. After this there was a card passed around that we all signed for Tessa. Tessa is a Dunlap child that lost her battle with cancer on March 24, 2023. Two people came in to talk about the difference between a talk and a demonstration. One of them had a talk about their trip to France that they had and the other demonstrated how to measure solids and liquids. Finally, we wrote down bullet points on cards to talk about the projects that we will be doing. Once we were done with that, we ended the meeting and everyone went home.

April 23, 2023 Dunlap Dynamite 4-H Club Meeting Report During the April 4-H meeting we learned about how we are going to be doing our presentations. Only the 4-Hers will be presenting their projects to the club. Four people came up to



show their presentations. Justus went first by presenting his talk on electricity. Then Ahnika preformed her talk about monologues in theater. Natalie brought in her cat Mac. She did a presentation about her cat. Last was Alice. She also did a presentation on cats. Everybody in our club are first year 4-Hers. We were very proud of everyone for doing such a great job speaking in front of a crowd. After that we had a snack and played a game where you had to say your name and an object you would bring to a bear hunt that started with the first letter of your name. Finally, we said our goodbyes and left. By: Justus Collins

Elmwood All-Stars



Meeting January 15, 2023

For the January meeting, for old business we covered online registration for our club members. For new business we discussed the Clover News, our community service projects, and birthdays. Our community service project for January is tying blankets for a local nursing home. We delivered the blankets the next day to Courtyard Estates in Farmington. They greatly appreciated our hard work.

Meeting February 19, 2023

For the February meeting, for old business we discussed online registration and had a recap of our delivery of the tie blankets to the assisted living home for those that were unable to attend. For new business we discussed the upcoming porkchop and plant sale. For that we also discussed seed planting with Mrs. Kane. For this month's meeting's community service project we assembled birthday bags to be given to people in need. Our birthday bags were donated to the Elmwood United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

March,

We discussed old business which included the public speaking contest in which a few of our club members participated in, seed planting with Mrs. Kane, and our upcoming pork chop sale in April. For new business we congratulated Alexa Salverson for being selected to receive the 2023 Illinois 4-H creative arts and Performing Arts and Communications Scholarship. We then decided to sponsor five trophies for the Peoria county 4-H fair.

April,

For old business we discussed seed planting with Mrs. Kane, the upcoming pork chop sale, and the floral arrangement workshop hosted by Mrs. Blunier. Following the meeting we did an activity in which we were not allowed to look at our papers, but we're asked to draw a scene in which a person is flying a kite under the sun next to a flower with a cloud over head. Some of the drawings turned out pretty good.



4G STEM Camp introduces girls entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grade to careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The camp includes hands-on activities, lab experiments, and field trips to area businesses offering STEM-related careers. Learn more at go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMcamp.



STEM Academy is an exciting opportunity that will allow young people to build their own voice assistant, explore Chat GPT, and learn about AI. Youth will get hands-on experience with machine learning, natural language processing, and robotics, all while creating their project. This year's STEM Academy will also educate students about ethics in using artificial intelligence. Youth will hear from leaders in the field of machine learning, as well as others who navigate the use of ChatGPT and other voice assistants.

Cost: \$25.

Location: Goodwill Commons, 2319 E War Memorial Dr,

Peoria, IL 61614

Learn More: go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy

BECOME A 4-H TEEN TEACHER!

Join us on an adventure to develop your leadership skills, make new friends, teach young people, and make a difference in your community! 4-H Teen Teachers lead fun, hands-on activities, while getting great experience! Join anytime throughout the Spring. Training sessions are held at U of I Extension, Peoria County Office, and upcoming dates include:

May 22 – 6pm

June 7-9 – 9am to 3pm

Learn more at <u>extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/teens-teachers-program</u> or email Judy at <u>schmid7@illinois.edu</u>.

4-H Outdoor Skills Challenge returns



Ready to challenge yourself and then prove it to your 4-H Leader or another trusted adult? You could teach them a thing or two! Learn these skill levels and compete for some great prizes that will help you enjoy the outdoors!

go.illinois.edu/4-HOutdoorSkillsChallenge

State Fair National Anthem Auditions!

We'd love to hear your voice on the stage representing Illinois 4-H this August. To be considered, please submit your information and a 30 - 60 second singing audition clip using this link: go.illinois.edu/StateFairAnthem
Please submit by June 15, 2023 and a panel of judges will make a final decision on the winner the following week.
Event Details: Need to be available the morning of August 11th, 2023 with transportation to the State Fair Grounds in Springfield. Specific timing details to follow. Must be a 4-H member to audition



Join Healthcare Career Exploration Summer Academy to learn what it takes to get a job in healthcare! Open to any youth going into 7th thru 10th grades. Each Spoon River College campus will host a one-day session lasting from 8:30am-4:30pm. Thanks in part to funding from the *Illinois Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare (PATH) Workforce Program*, cost is \$10 and lunch is provided.

Pick the date that works best for you:

Mon, Jun 12 – Havana Tues, Jun 13 – Rushville Wed, Jun14 – Macomb Thurs, Jun 15 – Canton

Learn more and register at go.illinois.edu/HCSA.



Teen Leader Camp

Ready for the ultimate cool summer camp? Illinois 4-H Leadership Camp is an opportunity for 9th-12th graders to participate in a variety of activities designed to help them understand the fundamentals of leadership, practice effective communication, work as a team, and become self-confident and motivated individuals. And it's all happening July 6-8!

PLUS youth will experience everything they love about camp like swimming, hiking, campfires and more at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello!

Register by June 1 at go.illinois.edu/4HTeenCamp



go.illinois.edu/4HFishingTourney2023

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

It's 4-H Camp Season!

Check out all of the amazing opportunities from 4-H Memorial Camp at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/event/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-summer-camp-programs. We'll have Summer Youth Camp, Spring and Fall Family Camps, Camp Corral (camp for youth with military families), and so much more!!! Plus, camp is a great summer job for youth and adults, ages 16+. Information and applications can be found at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/employment-opportunities.



4-H Shooting Sports State Events Update:

Intermediate Level 4-H Rifle Coaching Clinic! 9am-5pm, Sat., June 17, 2023 at River Valley Sharpshooters 4-H Rifle Club, Kankakee, IL. Advance your rifle club to the next level! Contact Tina Odle at 815-450-7162 or 200target@gmail.com for details!

Fall, 2023 State Shoots dates here:

4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots



Are you ready to help shape the next generation? Learn about careers in the child development field while you learn best practices for caring and working with children in our upcoming virtual webinar on May 11 from 6 pm-7 pm. In just an hour, you can grow your understanding of how kids grow while you learn safe ways to care for children, including making appropriate games and toys to engage youth of different ages. Be sure to bring a kitchen utensil that you think a young child would enjoy playing with for a "show and tell" activity that may surprise you!

Registration is open NOW for 4-Hers in grades 3 and up! Visit 4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/20244 by May 8th to sign up!

4-H BY THE DECADES

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

We are seeking Illinois 4-H History from our 4-H alumni by the decades! Join us to visit about how 4-H impacted your life during the 2000s growing up in the Illinois 4-H program. We will also be seeking photos of special memories, mementos, and awards of each decade to share on a new Illinois 4-H History website to be developed. Share with us your 4-H story! *Sponsored by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association* Register by Friday, May 19 - www.jotform.com/build/230640732381147

The link will be sent to registered attendees on Monday, May 22.



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FARM SAFETY DAY



Tuesday, June 6, 2023

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mason County Fairgrounds, Havana

Ages 6 and up

For more information or to register:

GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/FARMSAFETYDAY

