



# 4-H NEWSLETTER

July & August 2023



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

## Introducing Rachel Van Cleve



*We would like you to meet the newest member of the Fulton County 4-H team, Rachel Van Cleve. She will join Krista Gray as a 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator. Here's a little intro from Rachel:*

I am so excited to be a part of Unit 114 -H Extension! I grew up participating in the Mason County 4-H. I showed

cattle from local to state to national level. I went to Black Hawk East College, then came home and worked on my family farm while also personal training. I married my husband, Dakota, in November 2021. We had our daughter, Willow, in July 2022. We have three Australian Shepherds—Jada, Blue and Maize. In my free time, I like to run; I've completed 3 full marathons and a dozen half marathons. I also volunteer with the Havana FFA Alumni.

I am excited to join Extension and be back in the 4-H atmosphere because I was heavily involved in it. I can't wait to get to know the Fulton County families and be working beside Krista! Let's get ready for the Fulton County Fair!

*We've added Rachel's contact info at the bottom of this page. You are welcome to stop by, call or email!*

## Award Applications Due August 28

Award applications are due August 28 in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. Late applications will not be judged. Applications are always due on the last Monday of August. Check with your leader or the Extension Office if you have questions about these forms. Award Application forms may be picked up at the Extension Office at any time, or found on our website under the Resources tab. A packet of sample forms will be sent to key leaders. They are also on our website, [extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2023-06/fulton\\_awards\\_manual.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2023-06/fulton_awards_manual.pdf)

## Food Stand Schedule

The 4-H Food Stand at the Fulton County Fair is a long-standing tradition for us! We've made a few adjustments to our Food Stand schedule to maximize our service during the busiest times. The Food Stand is open at the Fulton County Fair July 24—29 from 11am—10:30pm. Breakfast (8-11am) will only be served Tuesday—Thursday. Lunch (11am-3pm) will not be served on Monday. Here is a list of the times that each 4-H club has signed up to help:

Astoria Pirates	Mon, 7/24 from 3-7pm
Avondale	Tues, 7/25 from 11a-3p
Big Ten	Mon, 7/24 from 3-7pm
Busy Bees	Fri, 7/28 from 3-10:30pm
Canton Luckettes	Thur, 7/27 from 7-10:30pm
Checkrow Volunteers	Tues, 7/25 from 3-7pm & Wed, 7/26 from 11a-3p
Country Kids	Tues, 7/25 from 7-10:30pm
Fairview Huskies	Tues, 7/25 from 8-11am
Farm. Lucky Clovers	Mon, 7/24 from 7-10:30pm
Jolly Workers	Tues, 7/25 from 7-10:30pm
Logan Leaders	Thur, 7/27 from 3-7pm
Pleasant Spacemakers	Wed, 7/26 from 8-11am
Smthfld. Up & Coming	Wed, 7/26 from 3-10:30pm

We still need help on Saturday, 7/29 from 3-10:30pm! If your family could help with a few hours, please contact Krista or Rachel at the Extension office or email them.

## Official 4-H Horse & Pony Show

The Official 4-H Horse & Pony Show will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2023 9am at the Horse arena at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. **Rain date** is Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 9am. There will be food available for purchase onsite.

# County Fair Beef Exhibitors

Again this year at the County Fair, Beef exhibitors will be allowed to come to the fairgrounds and prepare/bed their stalls on Sunday evening, July 23, between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. Do not bring animals at that time, only bedding materials, etc. There will be NO bedding/preparing of stalls on Monday, July 24, until 2 p.m. Do not arrive before that time. This rule applies to EVERYONE.

Livestock Health Requirements at Fairs and Shows  
The following website can give you complete, current information on the health requirements to exhibit livestock this summer — <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Animals/AnimalHealth/Documents/2023%20County%20Fair%20Exhibition%20Health%20Requirements.pdf> These rules are also listed in the Fulton County Fair Book and in the State Fair books online. If you would like a printed copy of these livestock health requirements, and you cannot access them on the internet, call the office at 547- 3711, and we will gladly mail you a copy.



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## 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

### Rachel Van Cleve

4-H Program Coordinator, Fulton County

### Joli Pierson

4-H Program Coordinator, Mason County

### Kristi Smith

4-H Program Coordinator, Peoria County

### Katharine Girone

4-H Program Coordinator, Tazewell County

### Lynda Sharp-Lower

4-H Program Coordinator, Tazewell County

**Emily Schoenfelder**, 4-H Youth Educator

**Judy Schmidt**, Metro 4-H Youth Educator

**Earl Allen**, County Director



## JULY

- 1 – 4-H Livestock entries (Fulton County Fair Book) are due to the Extension office
- 4 – Extension office closed for Independence Day
- 20 – State Fair Delegate/Alternate forms from General Show
- 24 – 29 Fulton County Fair
- 25 – 27 – 4-H Livestock Shows – see schedule in Fulton County Fair book
- 28 – 4-H/FFA Fun Horse Show – Fulton County Fair

## AUGUST

- 5 – Official 4-H Horse & Pony Show – 9 a.m. at the Fulton County Fairgrounds Horse Arena
- 12 – **Rain date** for Official 4-H Horse & Pony Show
- 10 – 20 - Illinois State Fair
- 11 - 23rd Annual Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest
- 13 – Fulton County non-livestock day at the State Fair
- 16 – Mandatory Safety Meeting for 4-H Shooting Sports – 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office
- 20 – Late Summer/Fall 4-H Shooting Sports session begins
- 28 – 4-H award applications due at the Extension office by 4:30 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 – New 4-H Year begins!
- 4 – Extension office closed in observance of Labor Day

***Please check the Fulton County 4-H Facebook page for additional dates as they become available.***

## Tracey Goes to National Championship

Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports member, Morgan Tracey, competed in the National 4-H Shotgun Shooting Sports Tournament in Grand Island, Nebraska June 25-30. Morgan's top five finish during the State 4-H Shotgun contest on September 24, 2022, earned her an invitation to the National Championship this summer. Best wishes and safe travels to Morgan and her family as they journey to and from Nebraska! We are all proud of Morgan's accomplishments!



Photo by Peggy Williams

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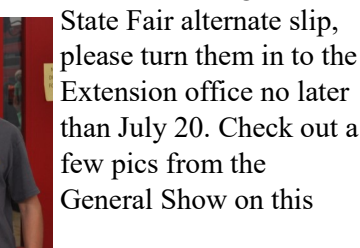
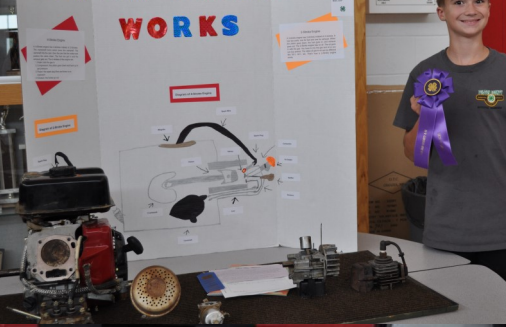
# 4-H General Show held June 17



Congratulations to all 4-H members who exhibited their 4-H projects at the 4-H General Show in Cuba on Saturday, June 17! What a wonderful day full of creative project exhibits and lots of smiles! This event would not be the success it is without all our AWESOME volunteers. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all judges, superintendents, runners, and announcer for volunteering your day to assist with this large event. Thank you to Cuba Jr./Sr. High School for letting us use their wonderful facility. 4-H members, please consider entering and exhibiting your completed project in the Fulton County Fair. For those 4-H members who received a State Fair delegate or



State Fair alternate slip, please turn them in to the Extension office no later than July 20. Check out a few pics from the General Show on this



## Area Graduates Receive 4-H Scholarships

University of Illinois Extension, Fulton County 4-H is honored to recognize eight high school graduates for their outstanding 4-H accomplishments and leadership. Thanks to scholarship funds established by local donors, \$4,500 was awarded this year.



**Perry Serven**, of St. Augustine, and member of the Avondale 4-H club, was honored with the Hilda Rock Memorial Scholarship (\$600). Perry stated in his application that 4-H provided him his first introduction of engineering design at the Lego robotics class at his first two 4-H Clover Clinics he attended. Perry plans to attend either University of Illinois or Iowa State University to study engineering technology and management for agriculture systems or biological systems engineering.



**Cooper Nelson**, of Canton, is a member of the Farmington Lucky Clovers and graduated from Canton High School. Cooper was awarded the Virginia Barnard Memorial Scholarship (\$500). In his scholarship application, Cooper said, "I often think of the 4-H motto:

'To make the best better'. 4-H has greatly impacted my life; I've shown livestock and been involved in 4-H since I was 8. It has been a huge learning experience for myself and my younger siblings." Cooper plans to attend Spoon River College this Fall.



**Halle Tindall**, Class of 2023 Lewistown High School graduate and member of the Busy Bees 4-H club, received funds from the Hilda Rock Memorial Scholarship (\$400). Halle will be attending Black Hawk East, studying Equine Science.

Halle shared in her application that she has learned a lot throughout her eight years in 4-H and looks forward to helping younger 4-H members in the future.



**Isabella Cooper**, graduate of Lewistown High School has been a member of the Jolly Workers 4-H club for ten years and has held the leadership roles of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Isabella's future plans include obtaining her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Arizona. Isabella stated in her application, "No matter where I go in the world, one thing is for certain, I will forever devote my head, heart, hands, and health to Fulton County." Isabella received both the Phillips 4-H Scholarship (\$500) and Fulton 4-H Federation Scholarship (\$200).



**Kelsey Irwin**, of the Busy Bees 4-H club is a graduate of Lewistown High School. Kelsey shared in her application that 4-H has helped her become more comfortable as a public speaker during her nine-year membership. Kelsey will be attending Spoon River College and Graham School of Nursing to become a nurse. Kelsey is the recipient of the Roberta Mahr Memorial Scholarship (\$100).



**Nathan Spangler**, of Marietta, is a member of the Checkrow Volunteers 4-H club and graduated from Bushnell-Prairie City High School. Nathan is the recipient of the Gary Eathington

Scholarship (\$500) and Merle L. Jenkins Memorial Agricultural Scholarship (\$200). Nathan will be attending Parkland College as part of the Parkland Pathways program which will allow him to transfer to the University of Illinois where he will major in Energy Technology and Management for Agricultural systems. Nathan stated in his application that through 4-H, he has had the opportunity to help many people through community service. He is also mentoring a younger 4-H member this year with his beef project.



**Emma Green** is a member of the Smithfield Up & Coming 4-H club, and a 2023 graduate of Cuba High School. Emma is a recipient of the Hilda Rock Scholarship (\$600). Future plans for Emma include attending Blackhawk East Campus and studying Agribusiness. Some of the activities Emma has been involved in throughout her 4-H career include being a 4-H Teen Teacher and taking pictures of 4-H youth at the 4-H General Show, local livestock shows, Fulton County Fair, and the State Fair.



**Braydon DeCounter**, of Good Hope, is a member of the Smithfield Up & Coming 4-H club. Braydon's future plans include attending Lincoln Land Community College where he will work towards his associate in animal science and transfer to a four-year University to earn his Bachelor of Science in Animal Nutrition. Braydon

also plans on being a member of Lincoln Land College competitive livestock judging team. In his application, Braydon shared that in his 10 years of being part of Fulton County 4-H, he has made it his job to help others as much as possible through their 4-H journey. Braydon is the recipient of the Hilda Rock Memorial Scholarship (\$900).

The Fulton County 4-H scholarships have been established to support 4-Hers and honor alumni.

Hilda Rock was a long-time 4-H leader from the Cuba area and her family sponsors 4-H scholarships in her memory.

The Phillips 4-H Scholarship is sponsored by Roger and Cathy Phillips, who wanted to help a deserving 4-H member further his or her education.

Roberta Mahr was a former leader of the Farmington Lucky Clovers 4-H club, and the club continues to fund the scholarship in her memory.

Gary Eathington was a 40-year 4-H leader who passed away in the fall of 2012. Gary raised cattle and was a big supporter of 4-H and University of Illinois.

Merle L. Jenkins, a 1939 graduate of the University of

Illinois (B.S. Agriculture), was a long-time supporter of agriculture, youth, and education in Fulton County, including service on the Fulton County Fair Board and Lewistown School Board, agriculture teacher, and a life-long farmer in Fulton County. As an on-going tribute to Mr. Jenkins, family and friends established The Merle L. Jenkins Memorial Agricultural Scholarship to honor him for his great love of agriculture and education throughout his life.

Virginia Barnard was a Fulton County 4-H leader for 69 years, who passed away in 2017. This scholarship goes to a 4-H member pursuing a college education in Agriculture or Home Economics, and who is beginning studies at Spoon River College.

Fulton County 4-H Federation is a group of 4-H members ages thirteen and up who assist in planning, conducting, and helping with county wide 4-H events.

Congratulations to all eight scholarship recipients! These 4-H members are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to 4-H over the years.



## Upcoming Shooting Sports Session

Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports is a Special Interest (SPIN) 4-H Club, shorter in duration, and focusing on one subject.

Disciplines:	Age	Cost	Location	Instructors	Dates	Times
Air Rifle Limit of 8 participants	8-18 as of 9/1/23	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	613 West Avenue H, Lewistown	Terry Cremer, Craig Hand, & Ellie Nolan	August 20, 27, Sept. 10, 17, 24, & Oct 1 (six sessions)	1 p.m. Lasts about one hour
.22 Caliber Pistol Limit of 5 participants	12-18 as of 9/1/23	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	August 20, 27, Sept. 10, 17, 24, & Oct 1 (six sessions)	1 p.m. Lasts about one hour
Smallbore (.22) Rifle Limit of 5 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/23	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$30 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	August 20, 27, Sept. 10, 17, 24, & Oct 1 (six sessions)	2 p.m. Lasts about one hour
Shotgun Limit of 20 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/23	\$20 4-H program fee* Supply fee -- paid by Lascelles Memorial	Jacob's Field, between St. David and Canton	Lonnie Van Pelt and Lee Roy Knuppel	August 20, 27, Sept. 10, 17, 24, & Oct 1 (six sessions)	4 p.m. Lasts a little over an hour

\*4-H program fees are paid annually and cover involvement in all 4-H clubs. Shooting Sports supply fees are paid for each discipline and each spring/fall session. 4-H Program Fees paid to University of Illinois. Supply Fees paid to Fulton 4-H Shooting Sports club.

**Mandatory Safety Meeting – August 16, 6:30 p.m.** at U of I Extension office in Lewistown. Those who attended a Safety meeting in a previous session for the same discipline are not required to attend. If you are enrolling in a new discipline this session, you must attend the Safety meeting.

How to register – Enrollment packets will be available on our website, or you may call to have one mailed to you (547-3711), or pick one up in person at the U of I Extension office in Lewistown. Signed forms and payment are required. Additionally, youth will need to be enrolled in ZSuite at 4h.zsuite.org.

Deadline to register – Space is limited and filled on first come, first served basis. Final deadline is August 15. You may sign up for multiple disciplines, as long as they are not at the same time. Payment and all signed forms must be submitted to reserve a spot. If you need assistance with the fee, contact the Extension office at 547-3711.

All firearms are provided. The only participants who are allowed to bring their own are the advanced members who have permission from the instructors. Participants will be given eye and ear protection, which they will be responsible for bringing each time to use. If weather causes cancellations, additional dates will be set. Instructor Lonnie Van Pelt is willing to visit your 4-H club to tell you more about the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Call the Extension office at 547-3711 for contact information.

## State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest



Seven members of the Fulton County 4-H Livestock Judging Team traveled to Champaign on Tuesday, June 20, to compete in the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. All did a great job this year as they focused on giving more reasons and polishing their skills. Seniors were - Braydon DeCounter, Ella Eathington, Addison Fidler, Anna Serven, Izzy Kemp, and Lily Anderson. Only junior this year was Taylor Hendel. State results - Izzy Kemp gets the "most improved" award as she placed 11th overall and has been working hard to keep improving with each contest! Anna Serven was 19th, Lily Anderson 22nd, Ella Eathington 23rd, Braydon DeCounter 37th and Addison Fidler 63rd. The senior division all contestants had to give 3 sets of reasons as well as 3 sets of questions. Team results we were 4th overall in Swine, 7th overall in Beef, 12th overall in Sheep/goats and 7th overall in contest. Taylor being the lone junior was 27th overall out of 84. Congratulations to every team member and to their coach, Robyn Hendel!

## State Fair Non-Livestock Info

To have your non-livestock project exhibited at State Fair, it must be selected as a State Fair Delegate at one of our 4-H Shows in 2023. 4-H members are allowed to exhibit only one non-livestock project at State Fair, if selected to do so. Projects will be conference-judged. That means that if your non-livestock project is selected for State Fair, and you choose for it to go, you must go with it. You will bring it home that same day. If you cannot go, the opportunity is passed to an alternate. If you received a lavender (delegate) or pink (alternate) form at the 4-H General Show on June 17, please fill it out and return it to our office. Please let us know by July 20 if you are going to exhibit at the State Fair. Projects are required to be on display all day. **Our exhibit day for non-livestock projects at State Fair is Sunday, August 13.** Complete information will be sent to all members selected.

## First Time at State Fair?

First time exhibiting your 4-H project at the State Fair? Get the scoop on what to bring, planning your stay in Springfield and more! Download a copy of our **First-Time Fairgoer Brochure** at <https://uofi.box.com/s/woy39jswx57okl2uc2a2iz1rmedix6jh> or en Español at <https://uofi.box.com/s/2vm0mik46c2um61gj02q3cgctk54rjwc>.

## The State Fair Twilight Parade

4-H members 12 & up are invited to help represent Illinois 4-H at the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade! Please sign up by August 8: <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/22067>

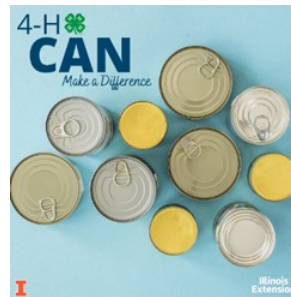
**Time:** August 10, 5:00pm meetup time

**Meeting Spot:** North Circle at Lincoln Park- 1601 North 5th Street

**Attire:** 4-H shirt and comfortable walking shoes

**Age:** 4-H members 12 and up

**Parade Route:** Staging for the Twilight Parade is in the north circle at Lincoln Park. It proceeds through the park, down Sangamon Avenue and enters Fairgrounds at the Main Gate. It follows Main Street and then turns right on Illinois Ave. and disperses after the SFPLD fire station. Kick-off is at 5:30pm and the last unit of the parade is normally completed around 7:15pm.



The "4-H Can Make a Difference" Can/Non-Perishable Food Drive is back at the Illinois State Fair this year! We will be collecting food to see which county brings in the most (by weight). The top three counties in the state will receive a prize! We will be located inside the Orr building on the south side by the

Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Booth. We cannot wait to see the huge amount of items that counties bring in!



Represent Illinois at the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia! This five-day national conference is an opportunity for youth from across

the country to develop their leadership skills. Members have the opportunity to go to trainings, listen to nationally recognized speakers, participate in community service projects and network with 4-H members from across the United States. The next 4-H Congress will be held November 24-28, 2023 and costs \$2000 with partial scholarships available. Complete the National Congress Application at

<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/21512> in Zsuite by August 1, 2023.



4-H State Shoots in rifle, pistol, archery, and shotgun are intended to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to compete with those with like interests from throughout Illinois and registration opens July 15th!

**Illinois 4-H State Archery Shoot** – Sat, Sept. 16, 2023 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL. Fee: \$20

**Illinois Ducks Unlimited 4-H State Shotgun Shoot** – Sat, Sept. 23, 2023 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL. Fee: \$20 *Sponsored by Illinois Ducks Unlimited*

**Illinois 4-H State Rifle Shoot** – Sat, Oct. 7, 2023 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL. Fee: \$20

Learn more at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots>.

## 4-H Outdoor Skills Challenge



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! Five winners will be drawn on July 15, 2023 for a very high quality 4-H

Everyday Sportsman's Multi-Tool (\$50 value) that will last a lifetime!

<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HOutdoorSkillsChallenge>



Do you want to learn more about livestock, but don't want to own your own cow? Join the Dairy Special Interest (SPIN) Club! The Dairy SPIN Club will start meeting on June 17 at Linden Hills Dairy Farm (8412 W Middle Rd, Peoria, IL 61607). They will meet twice a day on Saturdays: June 17, June 24, and July 1. They will have morning and afternoon sessions. Members are encouraged to bring their lunches. All 4-H members are welcome! For more details, contact Fred Rosenbohm at 309-256-6819.

## State Fair Mobile App

Headed to the Orr Building in August? The State Fair Illinois 4-H General Project Show has gone mobile! View the schedule, maps, exhibitor info, and more. Find us in the iOS and Google Play App Stores or visit [https://grandstandsites.com/gc=Illinois\\_4-H](https://grandstandsites.com/gc=Illinois_4-H).



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 is \$25. Location: Goodwill Commons, 2319 E War Memorial Dr, Peoria, IL 61614. Register by July 3 at [go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy](https://go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy).



## Fall Family Camp

Dates for Fall Family Camp are Sept. 8-10, 2023 and registration is open now! Find more info and registration materials at

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp>



The State 4-H Office is looking for volunteer judges and project assistants who are eager to provide a great State Fair experience for our youth. Help in the air-conditioned Orr Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on any or all of the days: Aug 11-13. Apply online

at <https://go.illinois.edu/StateFairHelp>. We hope to see you at the fair!



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**4-H Show & Fair Dates**

**FULTON**  
County Fair - 7/24-29

**MASON**  
July 26-30

**PEORIA**  
July 12-14

**TAZEWELL**  
July 31-Aug 2