



4-H NEWSLETTER

January & February 2023

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

College Scholarships Offered

Several scholarships, in various amounts, will be awarded to county 4-H members at his or her high school graduation or awards program. The scholarships are sponsored by individuals or groups, **and are listed as possibilities, pending funding decisions by the grantors.**

One group of scholarships is given in memory of Hilda Rock, by her family. Mrs. Rock was a 4-H leader in the Cuba area for many years.

The family of Gary Eathington will sponsor a \$500 scholarship to a member pursuing an Animal Science or Agriculture degree, preferably a student attending the University of Illinois. Gary was a 40-year 4-H leader from Avon, who passed away in 2012.

In memory of Roberta Mahr, a devoted former 4-H leader who passed away in 1997, a \$100 scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member. The Roberta Mahr Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by the Farmington Lucky Clovers 4-H Club.

In memory of Merle L. Jenkins, a dedicated supporter of youth in Fulton County, the \$150 Merle L. Jenkins Agricultural Scholarship is also available, sponsored by his family.

The Virginia Barnard Memorial Scholarship will be given to one student, preferably a Canton High School student majoring in agriculture or home economics and beginning studies at Spoon River College. This \$500 scholarship will be given as two \$250 payments over a two-year period.

The Phillips Scholarship on the amount of \$500 is sponsored by Roger and Cathy Phillips of St. David. Mr. Phillips says 4-H helped him a lot in his youth, and he wants to give back by helping a 4-H member with his/her education.

For each scholarship, the recipient must be a current 4-H member; must also be an achievement member; and must actively participate in 4-H events. The application will include a place for the 4-H member to list accomplishments and career goals. Family financial

information is not required. SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE is April 1, 2023.

The scholarships will be given to seniors in high school; therefore, these scholarships can only be received once by individuals. To receive a Scholarship Application, contact the Fulton County Extension Office

What is an Achievement Member?

A 4-H Achievement Member is one who does what is expected of an active 4-H member -

- Attends 2/3 of the club meetings after joining. Leaders may authorize excused absences.
- Gives a talk or demonstration, or exhibits a project.
- Turns in paperwork - can be record (planning) sheet, 4-H award application, or completed project manual.

2023 Fulton County 4-H Show Book Cover Contest

Calling all artists, graphic designers, and photographers! We want you to create a cover for the 2023 Fulton County 4-H Show Book. Designs may be drawn by hand or designed on the computer. You are welcome to incorporate original photographs into your design. Copyrighted work is not allowed. **The space you will need to fill is 8" x 8"**. We will add the logo and required wording on the bottom part of the cover. **Cover designs are due by Friday, March 3.** Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 entries. Please start channeling your inner artist!

Public Speaking/Performing Arts Contest – SAVE the date

The Public Speaking/Performing Arts Contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Checkrow Community Church, located at 3564 E Checkrow Rd., Avon, IL. The deadline to enroll in the Public Speaking project is March 1, 2023. The State Public Speaking contest will be held April 29, 2023. More information about the contest will be in the March/April 4-H Newsletter.

Volunteers needed for 4-H General Show

Calling all volunteers for the 4-H General Show! The 4-H General Show will be held at Cuba Jr./Sr. High School on **Saturday, June 17, 2023**. We are always in need of judges, superintendents, and assistants for each project area. Please consider volunteering your time to help at this event. 4-H needs you!



IAA Foundation Scholarships

The IAA Foundation provides college scholarships to Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, spouses, or their children whose course of study relates to agriculture. Carefully read all the specific requirements on the website before you apply. Apply online before February 15, 2023. <https://iaafoundation.org>



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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.

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January

28 – Clovers around the Counties - Cooking Adventures - Tazewell Extension Office

February

1 – Federation Meeting at 5:30 – Make Valentines – Extension office

11 – Beef tattoo and weigh-in 8-10 a.m. at Fairview Sale Barn

20 – Clovers around the Counties – Livestock Day – Peoria County

March

1 – Deadline to enroll in Public Speaking project

3 – Deadline to submit cover design for 2023 4-H Show Book contest

11 – Clovers around the Counties – Fulton Extension Office- Rock/Mineral ID and give-away 10am to noon, Gardening with Pollinators 1 – 3pm

18 – Clovers around the Counties – Rabbits and Poultry- Mason County Extension Office

25 – Clovers around the Counties – Food Decorating - Mason County Extension Office

April

1 – Scholarship applications due to Extension office

1 – Public Speaking/Performing Arts Contest at 10 am – Checkrow Community Church

12- 4-H Shooting Sports mandatory safety meeting

16, 23, 30 – 4-H Shooting Sports sessions

May

1 – 4-H enrollment deadline to exhibit at shows this year
1 - Project add/drop deadline

1 – Horse/Pony ownership and Horse/Pony lease forms due to Extension office

7, 21, 28 – 4-H Shooting Sports sessions

June

17 – 4-H General Show/Clothing Judging – Cuba Jr./Sr. High School

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Dale Lascelles Memorial

Long-time Fulton County resident and farmer, Dale Lascelles passed away on December 2, 2022. Mr. Lascelles was a member of 4-H and FFA who loved sports and trap shooting. Dale was a Fulton County Farm Bureau member who represented Fulton County for many years at the State Trap Shoot in Bunker Hill, Illinois. Dale, along with many of his family (**a total of 4 generations!**), shot a lot of trap at Jacob's Field in rural Canton every Sunday. Because of Dale's love of youth sports and trap shooting, his family designated the Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports shotgun program at Jacob's Field as the recipient of the monetary memorials given in his honor. This gift will pay the supply fees for youth who enroll in the shotgun discipline at Jacob's Field. University of Illinois Extension and the Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports program offers a heartfelt thank you to the family of Dale Lascelles for this generous gift



4-H Shooting Sports

Fulton County 4-H Spring Shooting Sports session starts April 16 and will run through the end of May or early June. Complete information will be in the March/April 4-H Newsletter. The disciplines offered in Fulton County include Air Rifle for ages 8-18, .22 Caliber Pistol for ages 12-18, Smallbore (.22) Rifle and Shotgun for ages 10-18. All age requirements are as of 9-1-2022. Each discipline requires paperwork to be completed and a supply fee payable prior to the safety meeting on April 12, 2023.



Federation Sponsored Roller Skating Party was a hit!

Over 100 4-H members, friends, and family attended the winter roller skating party held at Skateland Canton on Saturday, January 14. 4-H Federation designated the Humane Society of Fulton County as the organization to receive donations collected at the county-wide skating party. Kitty litter, treats, food, leashes, toys, cleaning supplies, and monetary donations were delivered to the Humane Society on Sunday, January 15. 4-H Federation wishes to thank everyone who attended the skating party and donated to a great cause!



Livestock Judging Club

4-H Leader Robyn Hendel invites anyone interested to join the 4-H Livestock Judging Club. They will be going to some area farms and practice contests. There is still time to join this club if you are interested! Contact the Extension Office at 547-3711 for more information.

Barrow Weigh-In and Tattooing

Rules For Barrows —

To be eligible for the County Rate-of-Gain Contest or the Illinois State Fair Premiere Contest, your barrow(s) must be weighed and tattooed before they are 35 days old. All pigs must be tattooed by April 15, 2023. Tattooing of barrows is done at the Extension Office, by appointment only, and must be done by the deadlines listed. Call 547-3711 to schedule an appointment.

You only must do this if you are showing in the Rate of Gain class at the Fulton County Fair, or if you are showing Premiere (carcass) at State Fair. For State Fair, all barrows must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2023 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2023. For State Fair Premiere Barrows and County Rate of Gain Contest, the farrowing date is on or after February 10, 2023, and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2023.

Barrows must be castrated and ear-notched prior to tattooing. Both purebred and crossbred pigs are eligible. Each exhibitor may nominate a maximum of 25 barrows at the time of tattooing. Pigs cannot weigh more than the equivalent of 1.0 pounds per day of age when tattooed. Please read the rules and deadlines carefully and check the age and weight per day of age to determine when you may need to have your barrows weighed and tattooed.

Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs

Rules for live show Wethers –

Must be lambed on or after January 1, 2023 and owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor by May 15, 2023. Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office. Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2023.

Rules for Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe lambs – Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level. Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed and witnessed by the Extension office representative, who will sign the form and send it to the Illinois 4-H Office. Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2023. Must be lambed on or after January 1, 2023.

YQCA

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, and Dairy Cattle (if showing live animals)

Statewide requirement is that members in these projects must complete **YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals**. Must be done every year they are in the project, to be able to show and be 4-H premium-eligible. Also, State Fair entries will not be approved without this. There are options for youth to attend a one hour, in-person training presented by Extension staff, or youth may take online training individually. Fulton County will schedule one or two dates which will be announced in the March/April newsletter. Kristi Smith from Peoria County will be offering an in-person training on February 20 if you want to get this required training done early.

- Pre-registration online is **required**. You may not just show up.

- \$3 per person online payment ahead of time is required. **You cannot pay by check or cash, payment must be made online.**

- Youth may take training online individually. Cost for this is \$12 per person. <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
Please email me a copy of your certification once you complete this training. kristakg@illinois.edu

Quality Assurance and Ethics Training

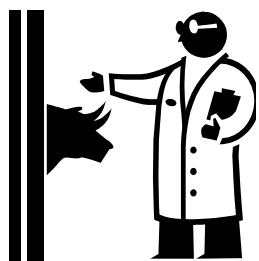
4-H members are required to take this online training when they sign up for horse, dog, cats, rabbits, and poultry projects. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. This requirement **MUST** be completed prior to exhibiting the project at county 4-H shows and fairs. NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.** The website for this training is – <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Meat Goat Wethers – Live show Wethers –

Wethers born on or after October 1, 2022. Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk is May 15, 2023. Self-nominations must be signed by the Extension office. Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with a photo goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2023. Extension office will mail completed forms and photos to Illinois 4-H office.

Exhibitors and their families should read complete rules and regulations included in the 2023 Illinois State Fair Junior Department Premium book once it is posted on the ISF website: <http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/>

Steer Tattoo and Weigh-In Date



If you want your steer(s) to be eligible for the County Rate of Gain Contest, the Illinois State Fair Junior Show, or the Illinois State Fair Premiere Contest, you must bring your steer(s) to be weighed and tattooed on the following date:

Saturday, February 11, 2023 — At the Fairview Sale Barn, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. (arrival times).

This will be the only steer weigh-in this year in Fulton County. Volunteers from Avon will volunteer at this one again instead of hosting one there.

Please arrive during the 2-hour time block listed. I will be sending letters to all Fulton County 4-H members enrolled in the beef project. **PLEASE** read the letter once you receive it and respond to the instructions.

In the event of extremely severe weather, call 309-231-8367 that morning, to see if the weigh-in has been postponed. Any cancellation notice will be posted on the Fulton County 4-H Facebook group page.

Steers must be castrated prior to tattooing. If possible, exhibitors should be present during tattooing. Electronic ear tags will also be used.

If you are only weighing in the steer(s) for County Rate of Gain purposes, you don't have to get the tag, but without the tag, your animal will NOT be eligible to go to State Fair Junior Show — and you CANNOT get the tag later.

Each livestock member may nominate up to 10 steers for the State Fair Open and Junior Premiere Classes. Junior Premiere Steers are eligible for the Open Premiere Class, if they are properly entered at the time that State Fair Open entries are made. To qualify, carcasses must grade at least low select, have a yield grade lower than 4.0, and weigh 950 pounds or less. To qualify for State Fair, calves must have been born on or after January 1, 2022. They must be owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor since February 1, 2023.

Project Manuals

If you need project manuals this year, please order them from the following link go.illinois.edu/FMPTPubs. Once your request has been filled, you will receive an email that they are ready for pick up.

Junior Master Naturalist Club Holds First Meeting



The newly formed Master Naturalist 4-H SPIN club held their first meeting at Baker Recreation Center at Big Creek Park on January 16th. Club leaders Jenny Beal and Amanda Atchley will lead club members through lessons and hands on activities exploring wildlife and nature. This new club meets once a month from January to July.



News from Illinois 4-H

4-H Camp Registration



2023 Summer Youth Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp is coming soon! Online registration for 4-H Club members will begin on Jan 23. Registration will open for non 4-H Club members on Feb 6. Visit 4h.extension.illinois.edu/event/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-summer-camp-programs for details.

While you're there, be sure to check out information on Spring Family Camp & Camp Corral. Plus older teens and young adults can check out the amazing summer job opportunities camp has to offer at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/employment-opportunities.

4-H FOOD ACTION SUMMIT



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JOIN US FOR THE 2023 FOOD ACTION SUMMIT -

The Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit is where leaders meet to be inspired and share a vision for food security, food access, and food justice in Illinois. University of Illinois researchers, non-profit professionals, food advocates, and civic leaders will facilitate workshops designed to empower young people with the knowledge, confidence, and resources they need as they work to create food security in their communities.

Learn more or register at: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HFoodActionSummit>. Contact: Mark Becker, 4-H Food Systems Specialist - mbbecker@illinois.edu

Spark your imagination and passion! **Ignite by 4-H** is an inclusive teen event held in Washington, D.C., Mar 9-12, for four days of inspiring and engaging panels, respected speakers, workshop sessions,



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entertainment, and creating amazing connections. Illinois 4-H is looking for fifteen youth delegates to represent Illinois at this one-of-a-kind national event! Discover exciting career paths and create an actionable plan to help create real change in your community. It's an experience you won't want to miss! Age range for delegates is 14-19 years old. Ready to apply? Head to go.illinois.edu/national4hyouthsummit before Jan 25!

Digital Ag Workshop Series

In collaboration with the University of Illinois Center for Digital Agriculture, the Department of Animal Sciences, and the Department of Crop Sciences, Illinois 4-H will be hosting virtual learning sessions focused on Digital Ag for High School students. Sessions will meet Mondays on Zoom from 7-8:30 pm CST on the following dates: Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, June 5 & 26, July 3 & 10

Applications are due Wed, Jan 25, 2023. For more info or registration, visit: go.illinois.edu/4HDigAgWorkshops

2023 Illinois 4-H Robotics Challenge: HydroBot!

This year's competition will revolve around the work of conservationists and oceanographers. Teams will be tasked with building a HydroBot to accomplish the tasks laid out before you in the Challenge Document and video. The HydroBot Challenge will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington, IL on Saturday, May 13, 2023. There will be a \$20 Entry fee per team assessed at the time of registration.

Challenge Download/Documents Folder:

go.illinois.edu/2023CHALLENGE

Register Here before April 14: go.illinois.edu/4HR2023

Challenge Announcement Video Here:

go.illinois.edu/234HRVID

4-H By the Decades



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 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*

4-H BY THE DECADES 1970's

Tues, January 24, 2023

Register by Fri, Jan 20:

form.jotform.com/223465115999164

The link will be sent to registered attendees on Mon, Jan 23

4-H BY THE DECADES 1980's

Tues, February 28, 2023

Register by Fri, Feb 20:

form.jotform.com/223474513372151

The link will be sent to registered attendees on Mon, Feb 27.



The Illinois 4-H Alumni Association will launch a new Illinois 4-H Alumni awards program on **January 9, 2023**. This program will recognize alumni for their individual achievements, contributions to their industry or profession, service to the community, and loyalty to the Illinois 4-H program. To learn more, visit 4h.extension.illinois.edu/alumni/alumni-awards-and-recognition.

Nomination Deadline: March 1, 2023.



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

2023 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL

Disciplines offered: Rifle; Pistol; Archery; Coordinator

Saturday, May 6, 2023

4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Disciplines offered: Shotgun, Rifle; Pistol; Archery; Coordinator; Hunting/Outdoor Skills

If interested, contact your local University of Illinois Extension office for registration information. These dates are 9-hour "field days" which teach range management. An additional 3-hour on-line 4-H training will complete the certification process. Registration will be open Dec 15, 2022 – Feb 15, 2023. Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair, Illinois 4-H State Office at sinclair@illinois.edu



The Illinois Association of Meat Processors and the University of Illinois Meats Judging are collaborating to continue a youth meat judging series in spring 2023 that is open to all 4-H and FFA youth.

Each invitational is a clinic with more information to come. Mark your calendars for:

Jan 21 at Raber Packing Company in West Peoria
Feb 11 at Eickman's Processing in Seward
Feb 18 at Wenneman meat Company in St. Libory
March 3 is the State 4-H Contest at the University of Illinois

For questions, please contact Jesse Faber at jfaber@pontiac90.org.



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Clovers Around the Counties



Join us for the exciting new **Clovers Around the Counties Workshop Series** happening this winter! We'll be hosting hands-on workshops in Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell counties to help 4-H members, ages 8-18, learn more about the wide array of 4-H projects they can exhibit at the 4-H show. Plus, participants will get a special passport book and collect "stamps" from each workshop they attend. Collect stamps from at least 3 different workshops in 2 different counties to win a special prize! Come learn more about your current passions, explore new possibilities, and make new 4-H friends from around the counties!



Costs vary.
Fee waivers available.

SCHEDULE

Kitchen Adventures

Sat, Jan 28 | 10am-3:30pm | Tazewell

Visual Arts & Interior Design

Sat, Feb 18 | 8:45am-1:30pm | Peoria

Livestock

Mon, Feb 20 | 8:30am-3:30pm | Peoria

Geology & Gardening with Pollinators

Sat, Mar 11 | 10am & 1pm | Fulton

Rabbits & Poultry

Sat, Mar 18 | 10am & 1pm | Mason

Food Decorating

Sat, Mar 25 | 9am-12pm | Mason



Learn more or register at:
go.illinois.edu/CATC