



February 2020

# Peoria Clover News

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

## Dear 4-H Families,

I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful winter season. I know with the cold weather it's hard to believe but the 2020 4-H Show is only five months away and will be here before we know it! If you haven't started on your 4-H projects yet now might be a good time to start. Enclosed in this newsletter is important information on several upcoming events, meetings and activities. Please take time to read through the newsletter so you don't miss out on any fun opportunities.

Sincerely,

Cathy Ludolph  
Extension Program Coordinator  
4-H Youth Development

♥ HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY ♥

## Birthday Bag

### Community Service Project



During the month of February 4-H members in Peoria County are invited to make the 4-H Pledge come alive by creating and donating Birthday Bags. All of the "Birthday Bags" collected will be delivered to local food pantries in Peoria County.

Please drop off all assembled "Birthday Bags" by February 28 at the Extension office. If your club is assembling the bags as a group project please take and share pictures with us here at the Extension office. Items to include in the bags include:

- Box of Cake Mix
- Canned Frosting
- Birthday Candles
- Birthday Card
- Small (inexpensive) Gift (Please indicate on the outside of the bag the sex and age of child the gift is for- don't forget teenagers like birthday gifts too).

## \$50 Prize for the top 4-H Food Science Project

One award of \$50 will be given to the top Food Science Project exhibited at the 4-H Fair in each county. This award is sponsored by the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation to encourage and support future Food Industry Professionals! Learn more about the food you eat by trying some really cool experiments.

It's not too late! Sign up for the 4-H Food Science Project today!

For Food Science inspiration and to learn more visit the 4-H website:

<https://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/food-science/>

For more information about the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation visit the CFSF website:

<https://chicagofoodscience.org/>

# Local 4-H EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Beef Weigh-in & tattooing at Wyoming Sale Barn: 12 noon - 2:30 pm
- 11 Federation meeting, 6 - 7:30 pm at Kickapoo
- 13 Karate SPIN club - New 12 week session begins, 6 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall
- 15 Clover Clinic at I.C.C.
- 18 4-H Leaders meeting, 6 pm at Peoria Extension office
- 19 Peoria County 4-H & Extension Foundation meeting, 6 pm at Peoria Extension office
- 29 Great Learning Garden SPIN club at Wildlife Prairie Park 1:30 - 3:30 pm
- 29 Sewing Workshop, 9 am - 12 noon at Peoria Extension office

## MARCH

- 2 Shooting Sports committee meeting, 5:30 pm at Peoria Extension office
- 10 Federation meeting - fun outing
- 24 Livestock Committee Meeting, 6 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall
- 24 Auction Committee meeting, 7 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall
- 31 YQCA Training for youth showing Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine & Goat, 6 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall

## APRIL

- 14 Federation Meeting, 6 - 7:30 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall
- 28 YQCA Training for youth showing Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine & Goat, 6 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall

## Peoria County 4-H Public Speaking Contest



### The Spotlight Is On You!

**Tuesday, May 5, 6:00 pm**

The Peoria County Public Speaking Contest will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 6:00 pm at the Peoria Extension office. Participation in this contest does not affect a member's opportunity to also participate in another project area at the Illinois State Fair.

New in 2020- The State Public Speaking Contest will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day. Peoria County's general project exhibit day is Friday, August 14 at the state fair.

### Bad Weather Alert

Hopefully we won't have any bad weather in the near future, but just in case, please call ahead to make sure we are still open or that a meeting hasn't been cancelled.



### Get your Clover at JOANN stores

Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.



## 4-H Karate SPIN Club

The Karate 4-H club teaches authentic traditional Japanese Shotokan karate in a stimulating, professional and informative class atmosphere that can be enjoyed by participants of all ages (both boys and girls). Karate is an “empty – hand” weaponless martial art. Students learn karate defensive techniques such as blocking, punching, kicking, evasion from attack, dangerous situation avoidance, common sense self-defense and much more.

- This club is for youth ages 8 to 18
- Cost: \$20 4-H Program Fee plus \$40 Karate Club fee for each 12 week session
- Next 12 week session starts Thursday, Feb. 13
- Youth are welcome to join at any time
- Meetings: Every Thursday night @ 6 pm
- Location: Kickapoo Township Hall
- For more information or to Register call the Peoria Extension office at (309) 685-3140
- Register online at:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/4Hkarate>

## 4-H Show Book Cover Design Contest

Calling all artists, graphic designers and photographers!



We would like you to create a cover for the new 2020 4-H Show book. Designs can be drawn by hand or designed on the computer. You are welcome to incorporate original photographs or clipart into your design. Copyrighted work is not allowed.

If you would like to use the 4-H logo, please contact the Extension Office to receive an official electronic copy.

Information that must appear on the cover:

- \*Peoria County 4-H Show Book
- \*July 29, 30 & 31, 2020
- \*Exposition Gardens, Peoria, IL

Contact the Extension Office for information about basic design principles. Designs are due to the Extension Office by March 1, 2020.



## Dog Obedience Training SPIN Club

### You and your best friend

In this fun and exciting *Special Interest* group you will gain knowledge on the fundamentals of showing your dog with hands-on experience. You will also become skilled at recognizing the important relationship between you the handler and your dog . When attending the first meeting please bring proof of shots for your dog, a flat buckle collar, a water dish, treats for your dog and a good sense of humor. Open to all youth age 8-18.

This group will meet every other Tuesday night in March (3, 17 & 31) from 4 - 5:30 pm and every Tuesday night starting April 7 from 4 - 5:30 pm @ Peoria Obedience Training Center, 4115 Main St. in Pottstown - Register online at: <https://go.illinois.edu/DogTrainingPeoria>

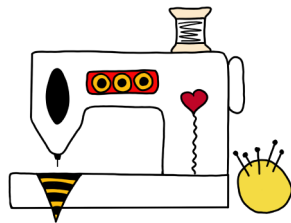
## The Great Learning Garden 4-H SPIN Club

Create beautiful garden artwork, experience new and interesting gardening methods, make new friends, and grow plant foods to feed the animals. Next meeting is February 29, 2020 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm at Wildlife Prairie Park. Members attending will be creating an art project for the garden at this meeting. Meetings will be held the last Saturday each month 1:30 - 3:30 pm until spring

For more information contact Leader May Bach, U of I Extension Master Gardener and Master Naturalist at (309) 397-5008 or send email to [may.bach23455@yahoo.com](mailto:may.bach23455@yahoo.com) or contact the U of I Extension Peoria office at 685-3140.

## Beginner Sewing Workshop

In this fun “hands on” workshop you will gain simple basic sewing skills and complete a sewn item to take home. This workshop is for youth age 8 - 18 with little sewing experience.



Archery class 2019

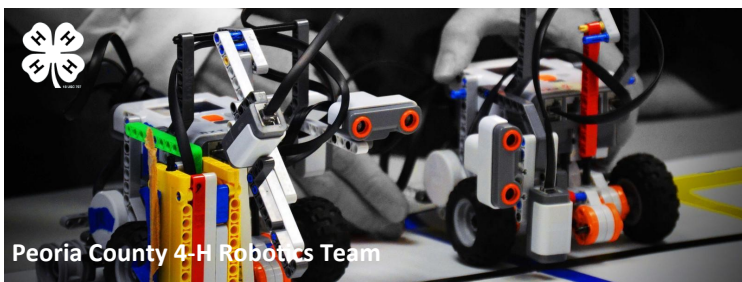
DATE: Saturday, February 29, 9 am - 12 pm  
COST: \$15.00 supply fee payable to U of I Extension (includes supplies for a completed item, extra fabric, etc.)  
LOCATION: U of I Extension Peoria office  
TO REGISTER: Call the Extension office at 685-3140 or go online: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2020-02-29-beginner-sewing-workshop>

## Shooting Sports volunteers needed



Many young people don't have someone to show them how to safely handle a firearm or bow. Think back to the person who taught you to shoot. The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. You can choose your discipline of interest: Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, and Hunting & Wildlife. To volunteer here's what you need to do:

1. Contact the Peoria Extension office at 685 -3140 and complete the required forms and background checks. The Extension office will complete your registration.
2. Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
3. Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM. Check with the Extension office for assistance with the \$85 training fee. Training dates for 2020 are:
  - \* **Southern Illinois: Saturday, March 28** at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion. Register by March 18.
  - \* **Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13** at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3.
  - \* **Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12** at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by September 2.



Peoria County 4-H Robotics Team

## Join the SpaceBot 2020 Team

If you are interested in designing and programming robots, the space program and working on a team then this is the group for you. This fun group will be designing and programming a SpaceBot to compete in the IL State 4-H Robotics competition to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington, IL .

For more information and to find out meeting details please contact Angela Barrick at 309-339-8359 or by email at: [firewife809@gmail.com](mailto:firewife809@gmail.com)

## Club Reporters

We love to hear what your club is doing. Please submit your club meeting information to the Extension Office at [ludolph@illinois.edu](mailto:ludolph@illinois.edu) so we can highlight your clubs activities in the monthly newsletter.

To find out more about the Peoria County 4-H Shooting Sports Program please join us at our next Shooting Sports Planning meeting on **Monday, March 2, 5:30 pm** at the Peoria Extension office.



# IMPORTANT! READ THIS for Animal projects

## For youth enrolled in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat and Dairy Cattle (Showing live animals):

New statewide requirement is that members in these projects must complete YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals.

Must be done **EVERY YEAR (starting in 2020)** they are in the project. There are two options:

1. Youth may attend one in-person training offered by the Extension Office. The training is one hour long. **Pre-registration online is required.** \$3 per youth paid online ahead of time is required. If you are unable to pay online, ask the Extension Office for assistance. Adults may attend with their kids, but do not register. Adults may not be certified in this by attending, just youth.
2. Youth may take training online individually at <http://yqca.org>. Cost for this is \$12 per youth.

**Why?** This program is being adopted as it is the nationally recognized, sanctioned, and accepted certification program for all national shows, and is a great education piece that supports 4-H market animal projects. It is the only quality assurance program accepted by packers that can replace PQA and BQA. It is felt that this is an important educational component to the 4-H projects involved.

### To attend one of the in-person trainings offered in Peoria County:

*Tuesday, March 31 or April 28, 6:00 pm at the Kickapoo Township Hall*

Go to <https://learngrow.io/> to register for the training titled Peoria County – Kickapoo Township Hall. Pre-registration online is required.

1. Log in at <https://learngrow.io> with your 4-H Online credentials. You do not need to create an account.
2. Select the training for Peoria County – Kickapoo Township Hall and choose which date (either **March 31 or April 28**) you would like to attend.
3. Make the \$3 purchase using a credit or debit card. You **must pay the \$3** for the course at the time you register. NO cash or check payment can be accepted on the day of the training. (If you are unable to pay online please contact the Extension office before registering for assistance).
4. If you are unable to attend either of the Peoria County training dates (March 31 or April 28) You can take the training online (\$12 cost) or you may select to attend an in-person training offered by a different county. Notify Cathy if you opt to attend a neighboring counties training.

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## For youth enrolled in Horses, Rabbits, Poultry, Dogs and Cats (Showing live animals)

The Quality Assurance and Ethics (QAE) training is still required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. If you have already taken this for one of the above animals, then you are covered. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the project, and will not be eligible to exhibit at county shows. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>.

NOTE: Youth must use a computer for this program; not a tablet or smartphone. **Youth in multiple species will be required to take both trainings when appropriate.** Examples: Dairy Cattle and Poultry means you would take YQCA for Dairy and QAE (if you've never taken it) for Poultry . Horses and Poultry means you only take QAE for both species.

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NOTE: For any animal science display or poster projects - If a 4-H member is showing a poster or other display (not a live animal) at the 4-H General Show, they now do NOT have to do any type of ethics training. They can do it if they want to but are not required to. It is still a good learning experience.

## Let's go fishing

May 2 - 3 | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello

Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp)

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).

## Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor

4-H Memorial Camp is now accepting applications for summer camp employment. We are looking for energetic, responsible individuals to serve as counselors and program staff for 6 weeks of summer camp. We will train you for a week before the campers arrive. You'll get valuable experience working with young people while you have a great summer. We are also looking for people with lifeguard certifications, outdoor education programming experience, and arts/crafts teaching experience. Application paperwork can be found at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp). Come be a mentor to 1500 campers while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

For more information, contact Andy Davis @ [Ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:Ardavis1@illinois.edu) or call (217) 762-2741.



## Don't be chicken; hop on over

February 8 | 9 to 11 AM | Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont

Register by February 7 @ [go.illinois.edu/LATclinic](http://go.illinois.edu/LATclinic)

Learn to show poultry and rabbits from one of the leading Illinois 4-H judges, Mike Claypool. The workshop is open to any 4-H members, and there is no cost. You can even bring your chicken or rabbit with you to get health and showing advice. The workshop is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.

## Speak up for 4-H

March 21 | 9 AM - 3 PM | Sterling

Register @ [go.illinois.edu/sfi4H](http://go.illinois.edu/sfi4H) | Cost \$12

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. If you're at least 14, you can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. Two trainings are available:

**Saturday, March 21** at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling

The day-long training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, then put that story into words. You'll learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol.

## Help sew new curtains for camp!

March 21 | 9 AM - 4 PM | 4-H Memorial Camp @ Monticello

Register online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing)

4-H Memorial Camp needs new cabin curtains ... LOTS OF THEM! If you know how to sew and have taken at least one year of 4-H sewing, we have a great community service project that is fun and will make a big difference! We need 50 youth volunteers to help cut, pin, sew, and hang 126 curtains in the log cabins used by 1,500 campers each summer. The camp will provide all the materials, patterns, and lunch! We have a few sewing machines available, but more are needed. Members may bring one parent or guardian to help. Come help and enjoy the perfect camp lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, veggies, chips, and cookies!

## STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

February 29 | 11 AM  
Black Hawk College | Galva, IL

**Registration cards must be signed by Extension staff**

In 4-H, learning about horses means much more than learning to ride. The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held Saturday, February 29 at Black Hawk College. Registration begins at 11 AM, with the contest following at noon. Youth will judge six classes of horses, at least two being halter classes. Youth 14 years of age and older may also choose to participate in oral reasons following the classes. For those not participating in the oral reasons class, one question class will be required. **Learn more online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging).**

## STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL CONTEST

April 19 | 8 AM

Education Building | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**You must pre-qualify at the regional contest to be held April 4 at Lincoln Land Community College**

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse! This contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school, with all the questions related to the horse industry! Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. **Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl)**

## STATE 4-H HORSE HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

April 18 | 8 AM  
David Kinley Hall | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**You must pre-qualify at the regional contest to be held on April 4 at Lincoln Land Community College**

Take your love of horses to a new level and compete in the State 4-H Hippology Contest. There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. Cost is \$5 per person. **Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology).**

## STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST

April 18 | David Kinley Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | 10 AM

Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry. You'll share ideas with others as you develop the ability to speak in public about the horse industry and the 4-H Horse project. **Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking).** There are 5 divisions

**Original individual formal speech**

**Original individual presentation:** either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both use visual aids.

**Original team presentation:** either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both using visual aids.

**Extempore speaking:** topic is selected at the event and participants have 25 minutes to prepare a 4- to 6-minute speech.

**NEW IN 2020: Interpretive Reading** is the art of reading aloud from a printed page. The reading must be published works that are horse-related. They may be prose, poetry, short stories, play cuttings, narratives, book or review, or theatrical. You should NOT memorize; they are intended to be read from a page.

## Two ways to give to 4-H

**Paper Clover Campaign returns in April:** It's never been easier to support 4-H. From April 29 to May 10, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised almost \$1 million!

**Get your Clover at JOANN stores:** Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store.

## Invite a friend to join 4-H

## STATE 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

February 29 | East Peoria | 11 AM - 5 PM

Register at your county Extension office before February 14.

Be the first to buzz in with the answers to questions all about the dairy cattle industry. You'll have fun competing with friends as teams of four who share your interest in dairy cattle. Competing as an individual? No worries, we'll find a partner for you. Register the day of the event prior to the 11:30 kick off test. The contest will be held at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members (15-18) participating at this state contest. **Learn more online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdairy](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdairy).**



## Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too! Families are needed for July 22 through August 17.

Be aware:

Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.

Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

Applications are accepted until all placements are made

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>. Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ [rosenbohm07@comcast.net](mailto:rosenbohm07@comcast.net) or Elisha Hughes @ [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu).

Invite a friend to  
join 4-H

## Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM**. (new release time)

The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.

**New projects** at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports

The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.

**Ewe lambs** are now eligible for the premier show.

Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29**.

The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.

The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.

The **junior rabbit show** begins Saturday, Aug. 22.

Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock).

## Explore a future in agriculture

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>.

Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate



# Coming State 4-H Events

## 2020 Dates

		June 7 – 11	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
		June 13	Shooting Sports Training, Pike County
February 8	Poultry and Rabbit Workshop, Effingham	June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest
February 21	DEADLINE: Governor's Volunteer Service Award Applications	June 15-18	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
February 22 – 23	Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham	June 18 – July 17	Outbound to Costa Rica
February 29	DEADLINE: Project Y.E.S.	June 18 – August 6	Outbound to Japan
February 29	State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, East Peoria	June 21 – June 26	Illini Summer Academies
February 29	State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Black Hawk College, East Campus	June 24 – July 24	Outbound to Norway
March 1 – April 30	JOANN Clovers for Kids Campaign	June 24 – July 24	Outbound to Romania
March 4-5	4-H Legislative Connection, Springfield	June 28 – July 28	Outbound to Taiwan
March 6	Women Changing the Face of Agriculture, Decatur	July 4 – 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
March 14	2020 Awards Banquet by invitation only	July 5 – 9	Week 4: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling	July 8 – August 6	Outbound to Japan
March 21	Sewing Community Service project, 4-H Memorial Camp	July 15 – August 13	Outbound to South Korea
April 4	Central Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Lincoln Land Community College	July 22 – August 17	Inbound youth from Japan and South Korea in states
April 18	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, Champaign	July 26 – 30	Week 5: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
April 18	State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest, Champaign	July 26 – August 2	Illinois State Junior Horse Show, Springfield
April 19	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign	August 14-16	State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Illinois State Fair, Springfield
April 19-25	National Volunteer Week	August 17	State 4-H Poultry Show, State Fair
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service	August 17	IL State Fair junior poultry show
April 25	Shooting Sports Training, Williamson County	August 18	Illinois 4-H Foundation Celebration Event at the State Fair
April 29 – May 10	Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign	August 22	IL State Fair junior rabbit show
May 1	DEADLINE: Family Spirit Award Nominations	August 29	State 4-H Dog Show, Dixon
May 2-3	4-H Fish Camp, 4-H Memorial Camp	September 12	Shooting Sports Training, Winnebago County
May 6-7	4-H Legislative Connection, Springfield	September 19	State Archery Shoot, Pekin
May 9	State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington	September 26	State Shotgun Shoot, Brittany Shooting Park
June 2 – 6	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp	October 10, 11	State Rifle & Pistol Shoot, Bloomington

**No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted** *Aesop*



## Be a true leader in service

April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of ***True Leaders in Service!*** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice). Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

## Community Service Opportunity

@ Liberty Village Garden Court, Peoria

Is your 4-H club looking for a community service project? Liberty Village would like to invite your group to come and do an activity with their elderly patients. Activities can include: Make a cake in a mug, Inside bowling, Cross word puzzles, Plant flowers, Make snow globes, Talk about farming and animal care, Play Bingo, Ring toss, Paint a rock, Balloon ball, Lets go fishing game, Play any board game, or just Talk about 4-H. **Times** ---- when the group is available - just call Michelle in advance so she can make sure all the supplies are ready. For more information or to schedule a time please call Michelle at 309-693-1400 option 33130.

## Join inspiring Illinois 4-H teen in service to others

Illinois 4-H member and 2020 Miss Central Illinois Outstanding Teen Elizabeth Weidner of Effingham County is inviting members and clubs to help with an amazing service project. Elizabeth wants to provide needed personal items to families whose children are being treated at Children's Miracle Network hospitals and Ronald McDonald houses. She is asking your help collecting:

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Shower gel/soap/moisturizer
- Deodorant
- Razors and shaving cream
- Toothbrush/toothpaste/mouthwash
- Combs/brushes
- Baby wash

These items will be stocked in nurse stations and available to families who need items. In addition, Elizabeth is collecting:

- Pre-packaged snacks, cereals, oatmeal, chocolates, and hard candies
- Small packets of teas, coffee, creamer, sugar, sweetener
- Packages of hot chocolate, teas, juice boxes

**Peoria County 4-H clubs are invited to participate in this community service project. Please drop off your collected items at the Peoria Extension office. All items will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House or Children's Hospital in Peoria.**

Learn more @ <https://www.facebook.com/crownsfightcancer>. Elizabeth is a stage IV high risk neuroblastoma cancer warrior survivor and patient of Children's Miracle Network hospitals.

**Do what you can to show that you care about other people, and you will make our world a better place**

*Rosalyn Carter*

## 4-H Club News

### EDELSTEIN EAGER BEAVERS

The Edelstein Eager Beavers held their November meeting on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. After the officers opened the meeting, Marjorie announced our club members who had recently received various awards and recognition: Jessica Williamson, Ruth Young, Chloe Blunier, and Kassie Stahl. Marjorie also went over a few things from the county newsletter before the business meeting was adjourned and we turned our attention to the meeting activity which was a STEM project involving engineering with robots. We experimented with robots that would sense color and test temperature. We also built lego cars with batteries. Federation members Kyle and Tyler Stahl along with 4H alumnus Quin Steffen helped with the activity. We really enjoyed the evening.

Each December our club rings the bells for Salvation Army at the Allen Road Walmart. So on a chilly Saturday morning, our club members sang and entertained Walmart customers in hopes of collecting some money for this worthwhile project. The morning was enjoyed by several of the members and we received good support from the customers!

Respectfully submitted, Kassie Stahl

### JUBILEE PATRIOTS

On January 19 the jubilee Patriots met at Brimfield Methodist church. The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Mattern. The roll call question was where's your favorite place to eat? We discussed the birthday bags and we decided on assembling 25 birthday bags during our next meeting. We also discussed that there is a new class for showing certain animals at the fair. Our club also discussed the Christmas basket assembly. We had 7 4-hers there to help out. Our guessing jar winner was Bernadett Mattern. Two talks were given, Addison Church on showing a dairy cow at the fair, and Callie Plumer on making gnomes out of socks. Our next meeting will be held on February 16 at 6pm at the Brimfield Methodist church.  
Submitted by Addison Church

Check out our new Peoria 4-H website at:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-peoria-county>

and our new unit website at:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-youth-development>

## Invite a friend to join 4-H



### WELCOME NEW 4-H MEMBERS

#### Edelstein Eager Beavers

Sarah Showman (CB)  
Daniel Showman (CB)  
Jacob White

#### Peoria Clovers

Noelle Berry (CB)  
Maleah Otis-Lewis  
Laura Winners  
Elizabeth Chain (CB)

### NEIGHBOR KIDS

On January 24 The Neighbor Kids dairy spin club met at Linden Hill Farm. The meeting was called to order by President Kassie Haage. There were 11 members present and we had 2 new members. The roll call question was what is your favorite ice cream and why? We discussed the option of doing fundraising but decided for club members to pay \$35 to pay which would go towards buying 2 pairs of clippers for this summer and the rest of the money will go towards anything else we need for preparing for the dairy show. We discussed maybe having members go to the federation meetings and becoming a federation delegate. We decided to make 15 birthday bags to donate to the local food pantry. We also held speeches with topics such as fatty acid effects on reproduction, India's milk production rates, air circulation in dairy barns, types of dairy cows, animal abuse on factory farms, transition period of dry cows, overcrowding in cow barns, and good forages for dairy cows. Our next meeting will be February 28 from 7- 9pm at Linden Hill Farm in Bartonville.

Submitted by Addison Church

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