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# Fulton County 4-H Newsletter

## September/October 2021

Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit



### Dear 4-H Families:

**What a summer we had!** It is hard to believe that fall is almost here. THANK YOU to everyone who completed their 4-H projects this year. We got our shows in this year!! Much hard work by the 4-H members was evident from all of the fine 4-H projects. Congratulations on a job well done.

Great job, too, to those who submitted 4-H award applications! Lots of really good ones were received.

We're starting a new 4-H year -- so glad you're part of it! We will make this a great year!

This newsletter is one of our ways of communicating with every 4-H family in Fulton County — show it to your parents!!! Please read it, and make note of dates that apply to your family. As always, call us at 547-3711 if we can help you in any way to get more out of 4-H.

**Visit our website!**

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

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## New 4-H Year Begins

We are beginning a new 4-H year. Clubs will soon be having their organizational meetings and electing officers. Club enrollment materials will be given to Key Leaders at the 4-H Leaders' Meeting on Monday, **October 4, 6:30 p.m., at the Extension Office.** Leaders will receive a letter with more information.

To be a 4-H member in the 2021-2022 year, youth must be 8-18 years old as of September 1, 2021.

## 4-H Federation Meeting

4-H Federation membership is open to any 4-H member in the eighth grade and over. Those age 12 and over are welcome to attend meetings and participate in events. You'll meet new friends and get involved in countywide leadership activities.

*The first 4-H Federation meeting of the new year will be on Sunday, September 26, at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.*

Federation meetings include a short business meeting, sometimes a game or activity, and time to snack and get to know 4-H members from other towns. They host the YMCA Night in January most years, send things to the troops, and come up with other activities to sponsor. In the summer 4-H Federation members are asked to help with Farm Safety Day Camp, 4-H foodstand cleaning, setting up 4-H General Show, and more. Even when it's work, we still have fun! We usually go on an outing in August, to thank the ones who actively participate.

For more information, call Krista Gray at 547-3711 or email [kristakg@illinois.edu](mailto:kristakg@illinois.edu).

## 4-H Club Radio Programs

4-H Clubs are asked to prepare a radio program once a year. They air on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on 94.1 BYS FM and 1560 AM. Key leaders will receive notice of their clubs' dates at least one month in advance.

## Membership Challenge!

We need to grow our membership numbers! Here is your challenge — for each current 4-H **family** to invite one new **family** to join 4-H. The best advertisement is friends inviting friends. When your club has its first meeting of the new 4-H year, please invite a new family to attend!

Another great idea is to have one of your club's 4-H leaders assigned the task of keeping the new families informed as you go through the year. We don't want anyone missing out on important opportunities and deadlines.

## State 4-H Scholarships

The **Illinois 4-H Scholarship** is a merit-based scholarship to award outstanding work in project areas. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the following categories: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/ Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth and STEM/ Robotics. 4-H members age 15-18 may apply. The deadline to apply is November 1. Apply online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships).



***THANKS to everyone who worked at the 4-H Foodstand during the Fulton County Fair! We couldn't have done it without you!***

## Bob and Velynna Spangler Inducted Into 4-H Hall Of Fame

The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame to honor extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff.



Bob and Velynna Spangler have been named 4-H Hall of Fame Inductees for 2021. They have been 4-H leaders of the Checkrow Volunteers 4-H Club for 22 years, as well as helping on 4-H committees, 4-H Shooting Sports, Steer Weigh-ins, and more.

Seventy-one people were added this year to the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion.

Previous inductees from Fulton County are Virginia Barnard, Frances Fisher, Sharon Spangler, Ruth Knott, JoAnn Block, Wanda Williams, Diane Simons, Cindy Ellis, Charlotte Ann Myers, Linda Porter, Cindy Chaffin, Kathy Butler, Cathy Eathington, Lee Roy Knuppel, and Shawn and Teresa Lane.

## Leader Of the Year and Volunteer Of the Year Recognitions

The Fulton County 4-H Program is once again planning to recognize adults who help to make 4-H strong in Fulton County. At the Volunteer Recognition Banquet to hopefully be held in March 2022, one 4-H Volunteer and one 4-H Leader will be recognized for their contributions to 4-H. To nominate someone, write a letter telling why you think they should receive the award, and send to the Fulton County Extension Office, 15411 N IL 100 Hwy, Lewistown, IL 61542. Nominations are due November 10.

## 4-H Projects For the 2021-2022 4-H Year

A listing of 4-H projects available can be found in the new 4-H Project Guide. Your leader will have these soon, or you can view the 4-H Project Guide online at

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>

**New projects —**  
Visual Arts Quilting  
Cover Crops

## Electing New Officers

Officer roles are an important part of helping the 4-H Club run smoothly, and give youth leadership skills. Here are a few important things to consider:

- Members should get to know the people running for office before voting is required.
  - Those running for an office should be willing to stand in front of their club and state why they would like the officer position and why they would do well as that officer.
  - A 4-H Club needs officers who are dependable, show up for a majority of meetings, and be dedicated to making meetings interesting and worthwhile.
- Don't run for an office if you don't plan to attend the meetings regularly!***

## Where To Find Things On Our Website —

4-H In Fulton County —

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

Scroll down the page, and you will see three options — Newsletters, Fairs and Shows, and Resources.

Under Newsletters, you will find the entire last year of 4-H Newsletters. If you are thinking you saw something in a previous 4-H Newsletter and want to go back and check, you can find it there.

Under Fairs and Shows, you will find the 4-H Show Book plus documents you may need leading up to 4-H Show time.

Under Resources, you will find a lot! — 4-H enrollment information and forms, 4-H award applications, scholarship information, 4-H Shooting Sports information at those times of year, club resources, leader information, volunteer trainings, and links for Youth For the Quality Care of Animals and Quality Assurance and Ethics.

If you go to —

<https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt>

you will find the website for our Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell unit of University of Illinois Extension, and can see all the other programs being offered other than 4-H.

## Fulton County 4-Hers Exhibit Projects at State Level

Fulton County 4-H members had great success at the Illinois State Fair Junior Show. The 68 area youth were among thousands exhibiting projects in the Junior Department of this year's fair. All youth who qualified to exhibit their non-livestock projects in the Illinois State Fair Junior Department received a red, white, and blue recognition ribbon and an exhibitor button.

The 68 Fulton County 4-H members exhibiting their projects at the State Fair were already chosen as the best of the best at our county 4-H shows. They were Dalen Bradford, Electricity; Washita Bradford, Health; Carsyn Braun, Photography; Carlee Brown, Cooking 301; Hailey Camp, Vegetable Gardening; Jocelyn Camp, Visual Arts Glass Plastic; Brenna Chatterton, Geology; Isabella Cooper, Visual Arts Chalk Carbon Pigment; Victoria Cooper, Shopping In Style;

Henry Deppermann, Tractor; Jayla Derry, Health; Bradlee Ellis, Esports; Emerson Fawcett, Floriculture; Jack Fitzjarrald, Weather; Kate Fitzjarrald, Visual Arts Heritage Arts; Lydia Fouts, Geology; Kaylee Grebner, Visual Arts Food Decorating; Emma Green, Leadership; Brooke Hampton, Photography; Avonlea Huston, Child Development; Ellie Huston, Shopping In Style; Aliyah Janssen, Family Heritage; Hannah Johnson, Passport To the World; Makenna Johnson, Floriculture; Max Johnson, Entomology; Ethan Keefauver, Electricity; Skyler Keefauver, Child Development; Isabelle Kemp, Animal Science; Brittany Kline, Visual Arts Wood; Declan Kotewa, Visual Arts Paper, Mallory Kotewa, Visual Arts Chalk Carbon Pigment; Dexter Leady, Journalism; Draven Leady, Forestry; Cody Lettow, Outdoor Adventures; Maddy Lettow, Floriculture; Taylor Malott, Visual Arts Scrapbooking; Luke McEwen, Welding; Wes McEwen, Computer; Zack Miller, Small Engines; Ella Osborn, Visual Arts Fiber; Zaya Peirce, Visual Arts Chalk Carbon Pigment; Charlee Pittman, Tractor; Aubrianna Putman, Interior Design; Tanner Putman, Sportfishing; Alex Rankin, Health; Elizabeth Reed, Visual Arts Scrapbooking; Cole Ricker, Visual Arts Leather; Brady Robinson, Entomology; Ilese Rodeffer, Steam Clothing; Brody Runyan, Health; J.D. Runyan, Welding; Kyleigh Schrock, Creative Writing; Blake Shelby, Woodworking; Cooper Stephens, Aerospace; Lillie Stephens, Horticulture display; Madilyn Stephens, Food Preservation; Abbie Stevenson, Aerospace; Hannah Stevenson, Cooking 401; Thomas Stevenson, Cooking 101; Cameron Stone, Veterinary Science; Miles Strode, Woodworking; Sara Stufflebeam, Visual Arts Chalk Carbon Pigment; Elizabeth Suter, Sports Nutrition; Hannah Tindall, Photography; Morgan Tracey, Beekeeping; Luke Wetterauer, Visual Arts Nature; Katelyn Wickert, Steam Clothing; and Kinslee Wickert, Steam Clothing.

In each class, a Champion and a Reserve Champion were also selected. Fulton County 4-H members received nine Champion and 13 Reserve Champion honors. Champion medals went to Jayla Derry, Jack Fitzjarrald, Lydia Fouts, Emma Green, Max Johnson, Zack Miller, Elizabeth Reed, Ilese Rodeffer, and Abigail Stevenson. Reserve Champion medals went to Washita Bradford, Brenna Chatterton, Kaylee Grebner, Makenna Johnson, Dexter Leady, Cody Lettow, Maddy Lettow, Charlee Pittman, Cole Ricker, Brady Robinson, Sara Stufflebeam, Elizabeth Suter, and Morgan Tracey.

Inspire Awards were given at the judges' discretion for work they wished to highlight or acknowledge. The nine Fulton County 4-H members receiving the Inspire Award were Henry Deppermann, Emerson Fawcett, Kate Fitzjarrald, Ethan Keefauver, Draven Leady, Cameron Stone, Miles Strode, Luke Wetterauer, and Kinslee Wickert.

# FULTON COUNTY 4-H WEEK

October 18-22, 2021

**“Find Your Spark!”**  
*(or use a theme of your choice)*



Your club is invited to help publicize its activities and Fulton County 4-H during 4-H Week, **October 18-22, 2021**, with the theme of **“Find Your Spark!”** 4-H has a vast array of activities — many ways to build character and leadership, and many ways to care for others through community service. As a 4-H member, you’re one of six million other youth who are 4-H members. Show how 4-H enhances the lives of 4-H members, their families, and communities. Fulton County 4-H is excited about what it has to offer, and wants to let everyone know!

We want families to get involved in the 4-H Program! The list of ideas for 4-H promotion could be endless. Here are a few:

- Put up a Window Display or Bulletin Board (See contest rules below).
- Design a poster to be put up in store windows, in support of 4-H.
- Invite a new person to join your club — Do this one for sure!!!!!!
- Wear an article of clothing that has 4-H on it. — ***Wear 4-H T-shirts, green shirts, pins, etc.!!!***
- Thank your leaders -- send a thank you note; bake him/her some cookies.
- Talk to your local newspaper or radio station about a 4-H story, or take out an ad in the paper.
- Give a talk or demonstration to civic organizations about what 4-H has to offer.
- Plan a member recruitment drive for your club; **distribute fliers about 4-H to area schools.**

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## **WINDOW DISPLAY/BULLETIN BOARD CONTEST RULES**

1. Displays must be in place by noon on Monday, October 18, and remain in the window until 5 p.m. on Friday, October 22.
2. Displays will be given ratings based on the same criteria as used in the past. Copies of the criteria are available at the Extension Office. Make sure 4-H is clearly shown on the display.
3. Entries are due to the Extension Office by October .

**KEY LEADERS:** **The form below is due by October 15** to the Extension Office, to inform us of your 4-H Week plans (or call or email). Recognition will be given to all clubs that participate in some activity during the week (and notify us).

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The \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club will have a (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Window Display, located at this town business \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bulletin Board, located at this town business \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Will participate in Fulton County 4-H Week by (list other activities): \_\_\_\_\_

Leader signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return this slip to the Extension Office, 15411 N IL 100 Hwy, Lewistown IL 61542, or call 547-3711, or email [kristakg@illinois.edu](mailto:kristakg@illinois.edu) .

# 4-H Leader News

## 4-H Leaders' Meeting -- October 4

There will be a 4-H Leaders' Meeting on Monday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

**Leaders will receive a letter with more information. Each club is asked to have at least one adult leader present.**

Topics will include meeting options, COVID precautions, requirements for animal project members, new projects, required documents, enrollment policies, online 4-H enrollment, fiscal policies for 4-H clubs, upcoming events, and more. Key leaders may pick up their materials that evening to begin the 2021-2022 4-H year. Door prizes will be given! If a club does not have at least one leader present, an individual meeting will need to be scheduled with Krista Gray. **It is very important for each club to have at least one adult leader present.**

## 4-H Treasurer Books and 4-H Secretary Books Due at Extension Office

Please bring in your 4-H Club Treasurer Book Printout (**requires five signatures**) and Secretary Book Printout from the 2020-2021 4-H Year by September 30, 2021. We are required by the state to collect these every year. They will be returned to you. **This is not optional.** Thank you to the clubs that have already brought theirs to the office. **State 4-H Policy states that a 4-H club will NOT be re-enrolled for the new year until the Treasurer's and Secretary's Book Printouts for the prior year have been submitted.**

## 4-H Insurance

State 4-H provides some accident insurance for CURRENTLY ENROLLED 4-H club members, as part of the yearly program fee that is paid. Our four-county unit provides some accident insurance for 4-H leaders. The University of Illinois provides liability coverage for enrolled, screened volunteers who conduct 4-H events and activities. It is excess coverage, which means it pays after the person's own coverage pays. **If you have kids attending your club meetings, yet they have never enrolled, they are not covered — so it is VITAL that you make sure all youth are enrolled.**

## Volunteer Screening

A state requirement of the 4-H Program is that we must screen all new volunteers, and have certain information on file for all volunteers. Any new leaders must complete a set of screening forms, some of which are done online. Volunteer Screening forms are good for five years, and then must be updated. Adults will not be viewed as 4-H leaders until their screening forms have been processed and approved. **If you have an adult in your club who has been serving in a leader capacity, and has not been screened, this is in violation of state policy.** Please be sure your adult volunteers are all screened so they can be legally viewed as 4-H leaders. New leaders also must complete ANCRA training.

## 4-H Club T-Shirt Designs

If your club is designing and ordering T-shirts, please send a copy of the design to Krista before you submit your order, to make sure all 4-H emblem policies are followed. It is a federally trademarked emblem.

## 4-H Program Fee

The 4-H Program fee will be \$20.00 for this year. The fees will again be collected shortly after May 1st, or those enrolling online may choose to pay online at time of enrollment. Leaders may collect the fees and bring them to the Extension Office at any time, due by June 1. No one is denied membership because of inability to pay — a fee waiver form is available by request. There is a family cap of \$60.00 per family.

# 4-H CALENDAR

## September

- 26 4-H Federation meeting, 1:30 p.m. at the Extension Office  
30 Deadline to turn in Treasurer and Secretary books

## October

- 4 4-H Leaders' Meeting — 4-H Leaders will receive more information in the mail.  
15 Entries due for Window Display Contest  
18-22 Fulton County 4-H Week  
31 Happy Halloween!

## November

- 10 Deadline for nominations for 4-H Leader and Volunteer of the Year  
25-26 Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

## Extension Office Hours

The Fulton County Extension Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed during the lunch hour, 12 noon to 1 p.m. The answering machine is left on when we are out of the office, or when we are away from the phone. Our office is located in the lower level of the Farm Bureau Building, on the north edge of Lewistown.

**If you are a person who needs a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of the listed programs or events, contact Krista Gray at University of Illinois Extension, Fulton County Office, phone 309-547-3711.**

## Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit 4-H Staff

In our four-county Extension Unit, a team works together to provide 4-H programming. Each county 4-H Program is separate, but all work together on unitwide events and program planning.

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Emily Schoenfelder, 4-H Youth Educator  
Judy Schmidt, Metro 4-H Youth Educator  
Earl Allen, County Director

### **Join Our Facebook Group!**

Fulton County 4-H has a Facebook group where much information is shared, recent updates are posted, etc. Type in "Fulton County 4-H" in the search box, and you will see it. Click on "Join Group," and that's all it takes!

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