



# 4-H



# NEWSLETTER

November & December 2022

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

## Dear 4-H Families,

This is the time of year when 4-H clubs are meeting monthly, members are selecting projects, and events are being planned for the coming months. It is also a time to think of all the things we are thankful for.

Is your club planning a community service activity, with the holidays coming up? If not, try to think of one to suggest at your next meeting - use your imagination!

Thanks to all our 4-H leaders, other volunteers, and members in the Fulton County 4-H Program. We welcome many new 4-H families to our program this time of year. **This newsletter** is one of our ways of communicating with every 4-H family in Fulton County. Please read it and make note of dates that apply to your family. As always, call us if we can help you in any way to get more out of 4-H.

Share your time, talents, and resources and continue to “make the best better” in 4-H. Have an enjoyable holiday season with those you care about most.

Krista Gray  
Fulton 4-H Program Coordinator

*Your questions and calls are very important to me. I can be reached via office phone 309-547-3711, Email [kristakg@illinois.edu](mailto:kristakg@illinois.edu), and Skype phone 217-300-6714 during regular business hours. If you reach out to me using other communication tools, I will respond during my normal work hours.*



## ZSuite Enrollment

Enrollment has begun in the new Illinois 4-H enrollment and registration system.

Thank you to those who have already enrolled in ZSuite. Please enroll and submit your program fee payment by November 30<sup>th</sup> to receive the “early-bird” registration fee of \$15 per youth. Now is the time to invite new members to join 4-H! Please check with your club leader if you have questions about payment of the program fee. After November 30<sup>th</sup>, the program fee reverts to \$20 per youth, so register soon to save 25%!

## 4-H Enrollment Deadlines

The following projects have a January 3, 2023, deadline. All other project enrollments and changes are due May 1, 2023. To be eligible to exhibit at the 2023 4-H Shows enrollment deadlines must be met.

- Beef (for production animals)
- Dairy (for production animals)
- Goat (for production animals)
- Horse (for production animals)
- Poultry (egg production)
- Sheep (for production animals)
- Swine (for production animals)

**Basically, any livestock project where production is the main focus needs to be enrolled in by early January each year.**

Be aware that a young person may join 4-H at any time of the year, but to show at the 4-H Shows, the above deadlines are in place.



# 4-H Enrollment Club Members

Enrollment is completed online at <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

## Have an account in ZSuite

1. Go to 4h.zsuite.org
2. Log in
3. Select the "Primary" profile
4. Click the drop down arrow for the applicable member
5. Enroll for 4-H year
  - Add your club(s)
  - Add your project(s)
6. Click submit
7. Pay member fees to your County Extension Office or your club.

## No account in ZSuite

1. Go to 4h.zsuite.org
2. Sign-up
3. Register New Household
4. Click '+ Household Member'
5. Complete Enrollment
  - Add your club(s)
  - Add your project(s)
6. Click submit
7. Pay member fees to your County Extension Office or your club.

Have questions or need support? Click ZSuite Live Chat located at lower right hand portion of your screen.

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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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## 4-H Events

### November

8—Extension office Closed—Election Day

16—4-H Federation Pizza Party and Meeting, 6 p.m. Basement meeting room at Extension office

24-25—Extension office closed

30 – Early enrollment/payment due - ZSuite

### December

23- Jan. 2—Extension office closed

### January

3—Extension office reopens after the holidays

3—Enrollment deadline for most livestock projects

- see article!

16—Extension office closed for Martin Luther King Day

### February

Steer Tattooing date to be announced (late Jan or Feb)

Horse committee meeting, date to be announced

### March

Public Speaking/Performing Arts Contest, TBA

YQCA class, TBA

### April

1 – College scholarship deadline

29—State Public Speaking Contest

Spring Shooting Sports session begins, date TBA

### May

1—All other projects Enrollment Deadline

1- Horse Ownership/Lease Deadline



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## 4-H Members and Volunteers recognized at Fall Celebration Event

Sixty-four 4-H members were honored at the Fall Celebration Event held at City Kids Camp on Saturday, October 22. Project awards, Best of Species, Best of Non-Livestock, Outstanding First Year Members, Hilda Rock Memorial Cooking Award, "I Dare You", Club Community Service, Best Head of Five Cattle, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter of the Year were all awarded to deserving 4-H members. The Fulton County 4-H week window display participants, and the Jo Ann Block and Diane Simons Memorial award winner were also recognized. 4-H, Master Gardener, and Master Naturalist volunteers were all honored and presented with a special Christmas ornament. After the awards ceremony, food and drink were provided for everyone by Illinois Extension-Fulton 4-H, City Kids Camp, and Fulton County HEA clubs for all in attendance. Gorgeous weather, good food, and great fellowship was enjoyed by all!



Federation members at Fall Celebration

Front row – Ben Janssen, Ali Janssen, Makenna Johnson, Alex Wetterauer  
Back row – Weston Tessier, Cole Ricker, Max Johnson

## 4-H Federation Kick-off meeting

4-H Federation will have their kick-off meeting on Wednesday, November 16 at 6 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Extension office. If you are a 4-H member in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or above, you are welcome and encouraged to join 4-H Federation. As a member of 4-H Federation, you get to decide on a winter county-wide 4-H gathering (swimming, roller skating, bowling, etc.) and assist with community service projects, Farm Safety Day, helping at the General Show, 4-H Food Stand preparation, and other fun events. We will start the evening with a meet and greet, followed by a pizza party, and a business meeting and election of officers. If you would like to be considered for an officer position, it is very important that you be at this meeting. You must be a high school aged student to be an officer and attend the meetings (about 5 each 4-H year). Please join us! We not only plan and work on county-wide events, but we do also have fun!



Pictured are some of the wonderful Fulton County HEA members who baked and served treats at the Fall Celebration Event. Left to right: are Connie Markley, Pam Trone, Marion Trone, Doris Simmons, Deon Mass, Tamara Markley



Brayton McCoy and Pleasant Spacemakers Leader Cindy Chaffin







# Livestock Ownership Dates: 4-H Show & State Fair

Listed below are the **tentative** dates by which animals must be owned **and personally cared for by the exhibitor** to be shown at the County 4-H Shows and State Fair.

## BEEF

Steers - February 1, 2023 (calved on or after 1/1/22)

Cows - January 1, 2023 (born before 9/1/21)

Heifers - June 1, 2023 (State Fair — birthdates from 9/1/21 to 3/31/23; County Fair — birthdates from 9/1/21 to 3/1/23)

## DAIRY

Calves and Heifers - June 1, 2023

Cows - January 1, 2023

## DAIRY GOATS

Kids and Yearlings not in milk - June 1, 2023

Milking Does - January 1, 2023

## MEAT GOATS

All meat goats — May 15, 2023

Wethers—Must be registered and tattooed in the name of the exhibitor only by May 15, 2023 (must be born on or after October 1, 2022)

## POULTRY AND RABBITS

June 1, 2023 (or out of stock owned prior to June 1)

HORSES — Ownership and/or lease forms must be on file with the Extension Office by May 1 each year.

## SHEEP

Breeding Sheep - June 1, 2023

(Yearling Ewes = birthdates 1/1/22-8/31/22)

(Ewe lambs = birthdates 9/1/22 and after)

(Ram lambs = birthdates after 1/1/23)

State Fair Wethers - May 15, 2023 (lambd on or after 1/1/23) (County Fair — ownership by June 1, 2023).

## SWINE

May 1, 2023 (for County Fair)

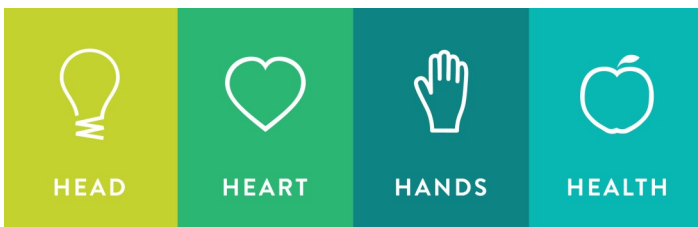
June 1, 2023 (for State Fair)

State Fair and County Fair gilts must be farrowed on or after 1/1/23.

For State Fair, all barrows must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2023 and must be the property of the exhibitor since June 1, 2023. Premier barrows must have been farrowed on or after February 10, 2023.

For County Fair Rate of Gain, barrows must have been farrowed on or after February 10, 2023 (or on or after January 15, 2023, if not Rate of Gain).

**Note that these are ownership, not enrollment deadlines.** Livestock enrollment deadlines, in most cases, are prior to the ownership deadlines.



## Insurance Coverage Statement

**Liability Insurance:** The University of Illinois has liability coverage for screened and enrolled adult 4-H volunteers at 4-H activities and programs.

**Accident Insurance:** Through the 4-H program fee paid by members, accident insurance coverage is provided for **enrolled** 4-H members, for accidents at 4-H club meetings or county events which are Extension-sponsored and supervised.



## I Dare You Award

This award is presented to older teens who exhibit leadership, citizenship, and good character. This year's recipients are Emma Green and Braydon DeCounter, both of Smithfield Up and Coming 4-H Club; and Nathan Spangler of Checkrow Volunteers. Each recipient was awarded a book and a National Leadership Award certificate. Congratulations to all three winners of this award!

# FMPT Unit News



## Clovers Around the Counties Workshop Series

Be on the lookout for the new **Clovers Around the Counties** workshop series coming this winter and spring! We'll be hosting project-based workshops in Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell counties to help 4-H members learn more about their current areas of interest, explore new project possibilities, and get to know other 4-Hers from around the counties! If you have topics you would like to see in future workshops, let your local office know. More info coming soon!



## State 4-H Events

### November

November 25-29 National 4-H Congress

### January 2023

January 14-15 Youth Livestock Conference

### April 2023

April 8 State Awards Banquet

April 29 State Public Speaking Competition

### May 2023

May 13 State Robotics Competition

### June 2023

June 25-29 Illini Summer Academies



## Youth Mental Health First Aid

One in five teens lives with a mental health condition. Over 5% of youth report having a substance use or alcohol problem. Adolescence is challenging for many young people and mental health issues can develop during that time of life.

Join an upcoming **Youth Mental Health First Aid training** to learn how to identify common signs and symptoms of youth mental illness or substance use. Gain skills to feel confident listening to and supporting a young person in crisis and leave with resources to connect them with appropriate care. The training is free, open to the public, and appropriate for any adults working with rural youth.

Register online at [go.illinois.edu/YMHFA](https://go.illinois.edu/YMHFA). Participants will complete a two-hour self-paced online training before joining the instructor for a live webinar at any of the sessions below. ISBE PD hours available.

- Wednesdays, Nov 30 & Dec 7, 2022 | 6-8:30pm (participants will attend both evenings)
- Monday, Dec 5, 2022 | 9am-3pm
- Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023 | 9am-3pm

For more information, please contact Emily Schoenfelder at [eschoe@illinois.edu](mailto:eschoe@illinois.edu).



## 2023 4-H Green Communities Trees Program

Illinois 4-H has again secured funding to send 25, 4' oak trees to be planted by 4-H members on public ground in their communities as part of the 4-H

Green Communities Tree program. If your club is interested in putting your "hands to larger service" by helping to plant trees in April, please contact your county 4-H coordinator by Nov. 15.



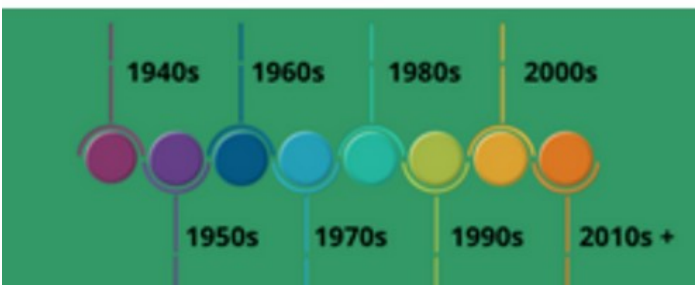
# News from Illinois 4-H



## Illinois 4-H History Project

Illinois 4-H is proud of the rich history of 4-H and our 4-H alums near and far. If you were a member of the Illinois 4-H program, you are one of 25 million Americans who share a unique bond! We're seeking to reconnect with Illinois 4-H Alumni to hear their 4-H stories and share their 4-H memories as part of a new initiative for an Illinois 4-H History project.

We are interested in gathering your memories, photos, or photos of memorabilia of those special moments in which 4-H impacted you. Share your 4-H story online at [go.illinois.edu/4-Hstory](http://go.illinois.edu/4-Hstory).



## Calling all 4-H Alumni!

Participate in reunions to be held by the 4-H Decades. Find dates and register for the events by heading here: [go.illinois.edu/4hbythedecades](http://go.illinois.edu/4hbythedecades).



## 4-H celebrates Native American Heritage Month!

Every November we celebrate the history, heritage, traditions, and culture of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help

celebrate: [go.illinois.edu/NativeAmericanHeritageMonth](http://go.illinois.edu/NativeAmericanHeritageMonth).

Cecelia Higdon of Winnebago County has also created a special [Northern Illinois Specialized Explore Flier](#) with even more to explore!



## Now accepting nominations for the State 4-H Food Advocate of the Month!

Food insecurity touches every community in Illinois, and our 4-H members have been rising to the occasion to ensure that access to good food is a reality for all. Our Food Advocate of the Month recognition is the perfect opportunity to highlight a young leader in your area who is making a positive impact on food security, food access, and food justice issues where they live. Nominations can be made at the following link:

[go.illinois.edu/4HFoodAdvocateoftheMonth](http://go.illinois.edu/4HFoodAdvocateoftheMonth)



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## New 4-H Enrollment System is here!

Illinois 4-H is switching our enrollment and registration system from 4-H Online to ZSuite. We believe this new system will offer a more user-friendly experience and features to help you stay more connected to the 4-H program! Look for emails from your local 4-H staff with directions on how to get your family set up in the new system.

Registration is open now! Plus, members that are enrolled and approved in ZSuite before December 1st will save \$5 off their enrollment fee.



Enroll by November 30th

# Save 25%