

4-H NEWSLETTER

September & October 2022

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



New 4-H Year Begins September 1!

Clubs will soon be having their organizational meetings and electing officers. Club materials will be given to Key Leaders at the 4-H Leaders' meeting this fall. **Once the date is set, leaders will receive a letter with more information.**

To be a 4-H member in the 2022–2023-year, youth must be 8-18 years old as of September 1, 2022. We look forward to welcoming all new and returning 4-H members! Please invite a friend to attend your club meeting!

4-H Livestock Judging Team Excels at State Contest

Congratulations to the Livestock Judging Teams!

On June 20, the teams competed at the State Contest in Champaign. The Junior Team walked away with first place! The Junior team members were Ella Eathington, Izzy Kemp, Taylor Hendel, and Ali Janssen. The Senior team members were Liz Hayden, Lily Anderson, Braydon Decounter, Addison Fidler, Carly Powell, and



Anna Serven. Great job to all ten team members, as well as their coach!

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.

New 4-H Year Fall Celebration Event

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 22 from 3 - 5 p.m. for a fall celebration event! We will be kicking off the new 4-H year for all 4-H members, families, club leaders, and volunteers at a special Fall Wiener Roast to be held at City Kids Camp (formerly Living Springs Camp) in rural Lewistown. Starting at 3 p.m. we will recognize the 2021-2022 4-H Award winners, and honor 4-H Leaders, Master Gardener, and Master Naturalist volunteers. After the

achievement/awards ceremony, food and drink will be provided for everyone! Please bring your lawn chairs and we will provide the rest! There will be a fire pit available for those who want to roast their own, and roasters full of prepared hot dogs for those who would like someone else to do the cooking! Please invite new 4-H members and their families to come with you and enjoy the outdoors! Check your mailbox in late September for more information.

Treasurer & Secretary Books Due

Please bring in your 4-H Club Treasurer book printout (**requires five signatures**) and Secretary book printout from the 2021-2022 4-H Year by September 30. We are required by the State office 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 active for the new year until the Treasurer and Secretary books for the prior year have been submitted.**





September

- 1 4-H Year Begins
- 24 State 4-H Shotgun Shoot – Bunker Hill
- 30 Deadline to turn in Treasurer and Secretary books

October

- 14 Entries due for Window Display Contest
- 17 – 21 Fulton County 4-H Week
- 22 Fall 4-H Celebration Event – City Kids Camp – 3 to 5 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 4-H MEMBERS who showed projects this 4-H year at the various county livestock shows, General Show, Fulton County Fair, and Illinois State Fair! You make Fulton 4-H proud!



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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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Fulton County 4-H Week

Your club is invited to help publicize its activities and Fulton County 4-H during **October 17-21**, with the theme of “Opportunity4All”. 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 are 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.
- 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 them 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.

4-H Promotional Display Guidelines

1. Entries (call or email) are due to the Extension office by October 14.
2. Displays must be in place by noon on Monday, October 17, and remain in the window until 5 p.m. on Friday, October 21.
3. Displays will be given ratings based on the same criteria as used in the past. Copy available at the office. Make sure 4-H is clearly shown on the display.

KEY LEADERS: Call or email to inform us of your 4-H Week plans. Recognition will be given to all clubs that participate in some activity during the week (and notify us).

Information we need:

- Club name
 - How your club is participating
 - Location if doing a window display or bulletin board
- Call our office at 309-547-3711 or email kristakg@illinois.edu.

4-H Project Guide

The 4-H Project Guide this year is the same as last year – Find Your Spark! We will have a few copies available in our office and your club leader will have some as well. Here is the link to check out the online guide:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/projects>

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4-H Members Exhibit Projects at State Level

Fulton County was well represented at the State Fair on August 13. This year, 54 Fulton County members exhibited a wide variety of general projects among the best of the best from all over the state. All youth who exhibited their non-livestock projects at the Illinois State Fair received a red, white, and blue recognition ribbon and an exhibitor button. In each class, a Champion and a Reserve Champion were also selected. Inspire Awards were given at the judges' discretion for work they wished to highlight or acknowledge. Congratulations to all these hardworking exhibitors!

Penelope Black, Floriculture A, Reserve
Washita Bradford, Forests of Fun 3, Reserve
Carsyn Braun, Design Decisions-Beginning, Participant
Amelia Carley, Woodworking 1, Participant
AnnaMary Chatterton, Clay, Participant
Brenna Chatterton, Geology Innovation Class, Inspire
Collin Christy, Family Heritage, Participant
Victoria Cooper, Design Decisions-Inter, Participant
Miriam Davis, Chalk/Carbon/Pigment-Div A, Champion
Henry Deppermann, Natural Resources 1, Participant
Bradlee Ellis, Photography 1, Participant
Kate Fitzjarrald, Woodworking 2, Inspire
Jack Fitzjarrald, Health 1, Inspire
Lydia Fouts, Rock Hounds 2, Champion
Emma Green, Leadership 1, Champion
Brooke Hampton, Photography 3, Participant
Taylor Hendel, Chalk/Carbon/Pigment-Div A, Participant
Morgan Hendel, Computer-Generated Art, Participant
Johanna Heuerman, STEAM Clothing 1-Sewn, Inspire
Benton Janssen, Theatre Arts 1, Champion
Aliyah Janssen, STEAM Clothing 2-Sewn, Participant
Paige Johnson, VA Quilting - You Can Quilt, Reserve
Makenna Johnson, Floriculture B, Participant
Max Johnson, Entomology 3, Champion
Hannah Johnson, Fiber, Reserve
Isabelle Kemp, Animal Science 2, Champion
Brittany Kline, Heritage Arts, Participant
Mallory Kotewa, Photography 2, Participant
Declan Kotewa, Paper, Participant
Dexter Ledy, Weather and Climate 1, Champion
Oliver Leigh, Small Engines, Participant
Cody Lettow, Natural Resources 1, Participant
Madeline Lettow, Food Preservation Drying, Participant
Taylor Malott, Scrapbooking-Intermediate, Participant
Jace Martin, Scrapbooking-Intermediate, Inspire
Evelyn Mason, 4-H Cooking 101 Coffeeecake, Participant
Brayton McCoy, Wildlife 1, Inspire
Zachary Miller, Tractor A, Champion
Ella Osborn, Fiber, Participant
Zaya Peirce, Wood, Participant
Charlee Pittman, Beekeeping 1, Participant
Cole Ricker, Leather, Champion
Miles Robinson, Pebble Pups 1, Participant
Brady Robinson, Entomology 2, Champion
Lane Shelby, Tractor A, Participant
Aerianna Spangler, Model Rocketry, Participant
Abigail Stevenson, 4-H Cooking 301 Dinner Rolls, Part.

Thomas Stevenson, Cooking 201 Muffins, Participant
Danni Stout, Creative Writing, Participant
Elizabeth Suter, Food Science 1-4, Participant
Weston Tessier, 4-H Cooking 301 Cake, Participant
Morgan Tracey, Beekeeping 2, Reserve
Luke Wetterauer, Nature, Participant
Katelyn Wickert, STEAM Clothing 3-Sewn, Champion



Robyn Hendel Inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame

Each year, the Illinois 4-H Foundation honors extraordinary members of our 4-H family by inducting them into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. The Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame recognizes 4-H volunteers that have a track record of exemplary service to 4-H for outstanding career and community achievement and are nominated by either county University of Illinois Extension staff or by the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board. The 2022 Fulton County inductee to the 4-H Hall of Fame is Robyn Hendel. Robyn is the leader of the Fulton County 4-H Livestock Judging Team. This club was started in late 2014 and Robyn has been instrumental in teaching 4-H members how to analyze different classes of animals. Robyn works tirelessly with these Junior and Senior team members practicing at different farms, the Fairview Sale Barn, and numerous Livestock Judging Contests around the state. Robyn and her team competed in June at the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Champaign. The Fulton County 4-H Junior Team came home with the honor of first place!

In addition to leading the 4-H Livestock Judging team, Robyn also is one of the key leaders of Avondale 4-H Club. Congratulations, Robyn!

4-H Federation

4-H Federation membership is open to any 4-H member in eighth grade or higher. We will have a meeting soon, and information will be sent to those members who are eligible to join. You'll meet new friends, get involved in countywide leadership activities, and do community service projects. Federation meetings include a short business meeting, sometimes a game or activity, and time to snack and get to know members from other towns. Federation hosts fun events like roller skating, bowling, or swimming parties in the winter. In the summer, Federation members are asked to help with Farm Safety Day, 4-H food stand cleaning, setting up for the 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 or email Krista Gray.

FMPT Unit News

Teacher Tuesday STEAM Resource Fair

Are you looking for fresh ideas and activities to share with the young people you work with? Join us for the Teacher Tuesday STEAM Resource Fair at ART Inc. (919 NE Jefferson St, Peoria, IL 61603). It will highlight many community and business organizations offering STEAM resources and provide educators with ways to incorporate these into their classrooms and programs.

Teacher Tuesdays are geared towards all types of educators: in-school, afterschool, homeschool, 4-H leaders, libraries, and more! They are free and open to the public. Teachers may be eligible to earn ISBE professional development hours by attending. More details and registration at go.illinois.edu/teachertuesdays.

Plus, The Greater Peoria Economic Development Council is proposing a Digital Literacy Workshop offered to local K-5 educators in partnership with the Illinois Digital Educators Alliance and the Discovery Partners Institute. This capacity building project will be offered on September 21 at Bradley University. In-person participation, lunch, and \$100 stipends are reserved for K-5 educators in the Greater Peoria area. Limited to 25 attendees; first-come, first-served. Priority Registration Deadline: Sep 2, 2022 at dpi.uillinois.edu/Peoria-PD.



Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Participants

Members from our Unit participated in the Master Showmanship Competition at the Illinois State Fair. Pictured above are Fulton – Liz Hayden; Peoria – Kyle Bird; and Tazewell – Lydia Rogers. Liz placed 2nd in Sheep, and 6th overall, and Kyle placed 2nd in Beef and 4th Overall.

SEPTEMBER IS

HUNGER ACTION MONTH!



September is Hunger Action Month!

Hunger Action month was started in 2008 by Feeding America as a way to raise awareness in communities about the existence of hunger and food insecurity. Learn how to get involved at <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2022-09-01-hunger-action-month>.



National 4-H Week is October 2-8!

Mark your calendars for the 2022 National 4-H Week!

What has your club done in the past to celebrate that you think other clubs should know about? Share your ideas for a chance to be

featured on a statewide idea sheet (with credit to your club!). Share your idea here: <https://form.jotform.com/221983990346063>

State 4-H Events

September

- 9-11 Fall 4-H Family Camp,
- 17 4-H State Archery Shoot, Pekin Archers Pekin
- 24 4-H State Shotgun Shoot, Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill

October

- 8 4-H State Rifle Shoot, Central IL Precision Shooters, Bloomington
- 9 4-H State Pistol Shoot CIPS, Bloomington,
- 14-16 Junior Leadership Conference

November

- 25-29 National 4-H Congress

January 2023

- 13-15 Youth Livestock Conference

April 2023

- 1 State Awards Banquet
- 8 State Robotics Competition
- 22 State Public Speaking Competition

News from Illinois 4-H

New 4-H Enrollment & Registration System Coming this Fall!

Illinois 4-H is switching our enrollment and registration system from 4-H Online to ZSuite this fall. We believe this new system will offer a more user-friendly experience and features that will help you stay connected to the 4-H program and find new exciting experiences and opportunities for your kids! Registration will open in this new system in early October. Watch for more details coming soon from your local 4-H staff.



4-H Family Camp September 9-11

Get details and register at go.illinois.edu/2022FamilyCamp.



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana! Illinois 4-H is excited to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year on September 15-October 15. This month celebrates not only the histories and cultures, but also the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from the Caribbean, Spain, Mexico, and Central/South America.

Head here: go.illinois.edu/4HHispanicHeritageMonth for ideas of how you can celebrate this month.



New for 2022! – 4-H State Shoots will be lowering the eligibility age of participants to age 12 by Sept. 1, 2022. All state shoot registrations will be open from July 6, 2022 until 2 weeks prior to shoot (or until capacity is reached). Registration links are below and more info can be found at: 4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots

Archery – 9/17/2022 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL – \$20 – go.illinois.edu/20224HArcheryShoot

Shotgun – 9/24/2022 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL – \$40 – go.illinois.edu/20224HShotgunShoot

Rifle – 10/08/2022 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters (CIPS), Bloomington, IL – \$20 – go.illinois.edu/20224HRifleShoot

Pistol – 10/09/2022 at CIPS, Bloomington, IL – \$20 – go.illinois.edu/20224HPistolShoot



The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun-filled event which provides junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th grades) a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Learn more or register at <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2022-10-15-2022-illinois-4-h-junior-leadership-conference>.

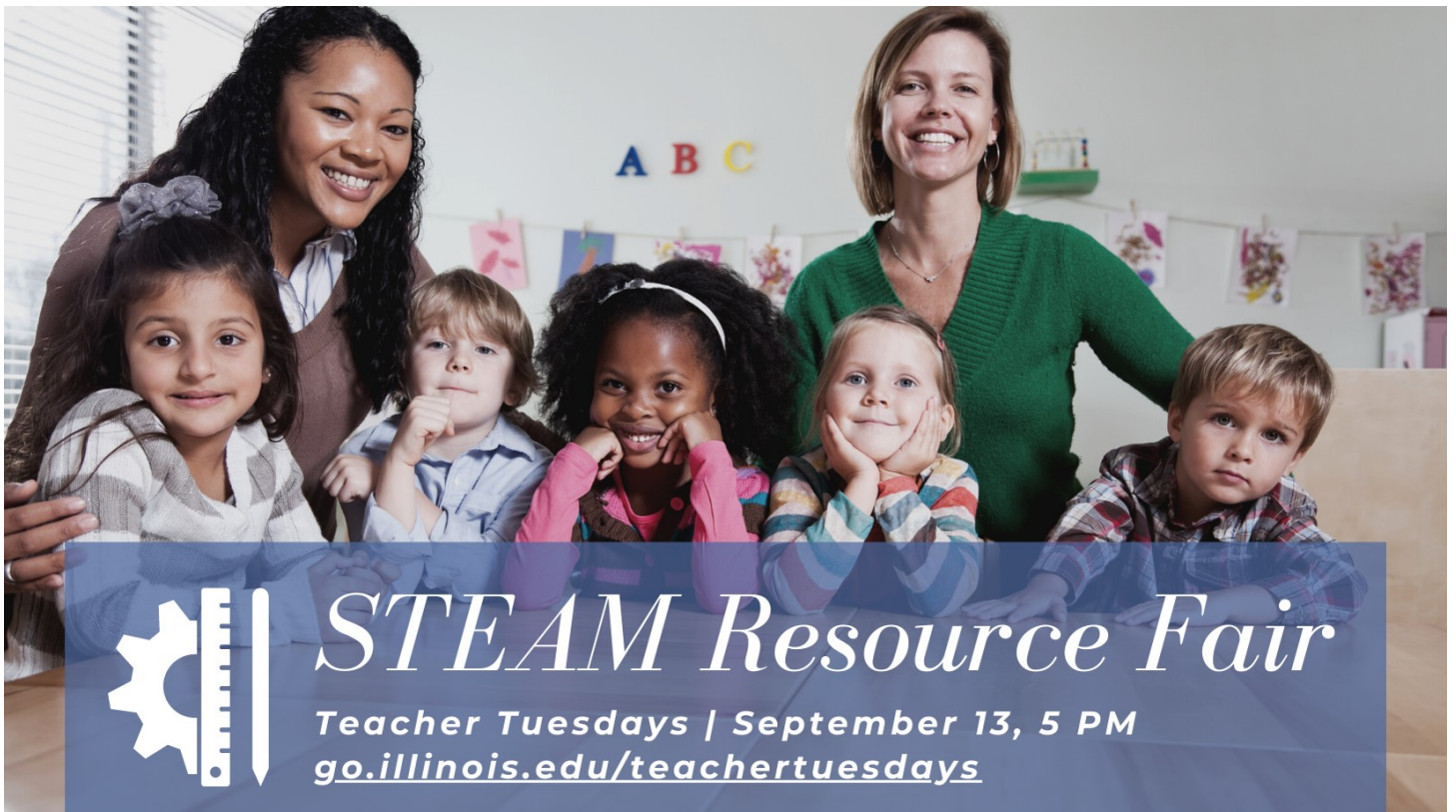



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