



July 2021

Peoria Clover News

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

Dear 4-H Families,

It's almost 4-H Fair Time! The 2021 Peoria County 4-H Fair is only a few weeks away at Exposition Gardens in Peoria (July 28, 29 & 30). The 4-H Horse Show is Saturday, July 17 at the HOI Horse Arena on Glaena Road and the Dairy Show is Saturday, July 31 at Lindenhill Farms. So.....if you haven't started on your projects yet, now would be a good time to start!

This years 4-H fair will be very special to me as it will be my last fair as your 4-H Program Coordinator. As many of you may have already heard I am retiring and July 31 will be my last day. The last 26 years with Extension have gone by fast and I feel so blessed that I've had the privilege and pleasure of working with so many wonderful 4-H youth, volunteers and families over the years. I want all of you to know that you have made this the best career experience ever. For me this was my dream job and there is no where else I would rather have worked. I will always treasure the many memories and friendships I have gained through 4-H.

I encourage you to give the same support you have given me to my replacement so this will become their dream job too. I look forward to my new adventures in life and my new role as a 4-H volunteer.

In this newsletter you will find lots of information for the 4-H Fair, As always, if you ever need help or have a question about your project, the 4-H Fair or anything else, please call the Peoria Extension office.

I can't wait to see all of you and your great project exhibits at the 4-H Fair.

Sincerely,

Cathy Ludolph
Extension Program Coordinator
4-H Youth Development



4-H In Space Mission Command Team (MCT)

Are you ready to define, develop, and operate a space mission? Participate in a real satellite program and see your experiments launched into space through the Illinois 4-H in Space Mission Command Team!

This is a first in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of STEM history and be a member of this elite planning team! Becoming a member of the MCT is a serious commitment and will require plenty of dedication and time. [The 4-H In Space Mission Command Team Application will open on Monday, July 5th and will close on Monday, July 19th.](#) Notifications will made Monday, July 26. Application for youth 13-18. grade 9-12 and specific details will be available on July 5th at <https://go.illinois.edu/4hspace>



Local 4-H EVENTS

JULY

- 6 Federation meeting, 6 pm at Peoria Extension office
- 8 4-H Leaders Meeting - 6:30 pm at Peoria Extension office
- 12 Non-Livestock Superintendent meeting, 6:30 pm at Peoria Extension office
- 17 4-H Horse Show @ HOI Arena, 9 am
- 26 Early set up in Youth Building for 4-H Fair @ Expo. Gardens 9 am
- 28 4-H Fair @ Expo Gardens (non-livestock project judging & Cat show)
- 29 4-H Fair @ Expo Gardens (Rabbit, Poultry & Dog Shows)
- 30 4-H Fair @ Expo Gardens (Goat, Sheep, Swine, Beef & Master Showmanship Shows)
- 31 4-H Dairy Show at Lindenhills Farm 1:30 pm

AUGUST

- 10 Federation meeting, 6 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall
- 13 Peoria County Day at IL State Fair
- 17 4-H Hall of Fame Celebration at the IL State Fair
- 28 State 4-H Dog Show

SEPTEMBER

- 1 New 2021-2022 4-H Year Begins!

Just so you know

- The 2021 Peoria County 4-H Show is July 28, 29 & 30 at Exposition Gardens
- Peoria County 4-H Horse Show is Saturday, July 17 at the Heart of IL Horse Arena on Galena Road, Peoria
- Peoria County 4-H Dairy Show is Saturday, July 31 at Lindenhills Farm, 1:30 pm
- Illinois State Fair will run August 12-22.
- Peoria County day at State Fair will be Friday, August 13

State 4-H Upcoming Dates

July 1-3	Camp Corral Family Camp
July 9-11	4-H Family Camp Session #3
July 24	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Camp Gardner in Hull
July 25 – August 1	ISF Junior Horse Show
July – August	In-Bound Exchange Program Summer 202
Sept. 18	Archery State Shoot at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL
Sept. 25	Shotgun State Shoot at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill
October 2	Rifle State Shoot at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL
October 3	Pistol State Shoot at Central Illinois Precision Shooters
October 16-17	Junior Leadership Conference

Pizza Party Fun! – Thursday, July 22, 5:00 pm at Exposition Gardens

You won't want to miss this great Peoria County 4-H Service-Learning opportunity! In order to have our usual 3 day 4-H Fair we were asked to reduce the cost of the fair. To help reduce some of the cost for the Peoria County 4-H Fair we will be working together as a 4-H group to clean up a couple of the livestock barns after the HOI Fair. This is a great chance for all 4-H members to gather with friends and have some fun social time as we work together to support our local 4-H Fair. The 4-H Auction Committee will be providing pizza and drinks for all the workers both youth and adult. Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, a shovel and a wheelbarrow and leaf blower if you have one. **“IT'S NOT WORK REALLY, IF YOU'RE HAVING FUN”**Martin Dai Nguyen





We are excited to open the registration for volunteers

for the 2021 4-H General Project Show at the Illinois State Fair!

The State 4-H Office is looking for volunteer judges and project assistants who are eager to interact with Illinois youth and provide a great state fair experience for them. This event will have face to face judging, and we would love for you to consider assisting us this year.

DATES OF THE FAIR for 4-H Exhibits: August 13-15 (Friday through Sunday)

Location: Orr Building, air-conditioned building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds

Apply online at go.illinois.edu/statefairhelp. Please feel free to sign up for one or up to all three days. Once you sign up, more information will be forthcoming within the next two to three weeks. If you know of anyone else who may have experience and would like to volunteer, please feel free to share this information with them!

Show What Makes Your Club Great!

Show what makes your club great at the State Fair! We'd love to see your club in the Orr Building this Fair Season with an activity or demonstration. Illinois 4-H will provide a \$250 stipend. Final table picks and a schedule will be determined by 7/12. Two Clubs for each day and time slot will be selected! NOTE: Clubs are responsible for supply costs and staffing. Fill out the JotForm here: <https://form.jotform.com/211745006538049>

and winners will be announced 7/12!



Be Creative in the Great Outdoors!

Join the fun at the Wildlife Prairie Park 4-H Great Learning Garden. Creative group meetings are scheduled for July 31, August 28 & September 25. We will meet at 1 - 2:30 pm for a garden lesson and then create an art project to compliment the lesson. Our general work days in the garden are Tuesday and Friday mornings starting at 9:30 am. We invite you to join us.

- Youth ages 8 to 18
- Location: Wildlife Prairie Park, Hanna City
- Register by calling 309-685-3140
- Our summer work days for 2021 are Tuesday and Friday morning starting at 9:30 am.
- Creative meeting dates and times are July 31, August 28 & September 25 from 1 - 2:30 pm
- Entry into the Park is free for 4-H garden volunteers—let them know at the gate you are there for the 4-H garden

For more information about the Garden SPIN club 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 or contact the U of I Extension Peoria office at 685-3140.

Check out our 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>

4-H Volunteers are simply the BEST!



4-H International

Host an international student for the Academic year August-June

Host a student from Japan or South Korea 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.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Students are enrolled in public high school and arrive in the USA in August.
- Your family and exchange student will be supported by local and state coordinators.

STUDENT DETAILS: Visit the Illinois states 4-H International Exchange for details about the student coming this summer. <https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange>

SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

WHO CAN APPLY: Anyone who wants to welcome a high school student into their family and is able to provide the student meals and a bed.

Contact the State Coordinator for more information: Miriam Rosenbohm, rosenbohm07@comcast.net or 309-339-

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Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Training

A summer 4-H Shooting Sports leader certification training is scheduled for Saturday, July 24, 2021 in Pike County, IL. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered.

Contact the Peoria U of I Extension Office for registration information. <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu



2021 Illinois 4-H State Shoots (youth must be 14 by Jan. 1, 2022)

Archery: Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL

Shotgun: Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL

Rifle/Pistol: October dates 2 (Rifle), October 3 (Pistol) Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL

Contact Curt Sinclair sinclair@illinois.edu with questions.

Food Systems Food Advocacy Team Applications

Are you ready to take your leadership to the next level? Applications open 7/1 for the Illinois 4-H Food Advocacy Team ~ the team dedicated to strengthening you as an advocate for food access for everyone in your community!

The COVID-19 pandemic has made food security a more urgent issue for many families. You can be a part of the solution as you educate yourself on issues of community health, assist in the planning of the annual Food Action Summit, and more.

Apply July 1st - July 23rd, 2021. Applicants will need one reference. Apply here: <https://form.jotform.com/211338226682152>

Learn more about food advocacy at our updated Food Secure Communities page: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/food-systems/food-secure-communities>

It's 4-H Fair Time!

A Message to the 4-H Member:

Judging is a learning experience from which, you can learn what you did well and how you could improve in the future. An exhibit does not measure all that you have learned, but it is an example of what you have done.

1. During conference judging, the judge will encourage you to talk about your project exhibit.
2. You will be asked some questions about your exhibit, so be prepared to tell what you were trying to do in your project (goals & objectives) and be able to describe the methods and processes used to produce the exhibit.
3. Read and follow the rules and requirements for your project carefully. The rules and requirements are listed in the 4-H Show Book.
4. Learn and practice good sportsmanship.
5. Listen carefully to the judge so that you can accept constructive criticism, and learn from it.
6. Remember, judging comments can be helpful, but they are only one person's evaluation.
7. Realize that people sometimes make mistakes.
8. If you have any questions about a project exhibit rule or requirement, please call the Extension office at (309) 685-3140.

Please...

If parents have questions they would like to discuss with a 4-H judge, the question **MUST** go through an Extension staff member. Please do NOT approach a judge.

CAT Show -

Wednesday, July 28, 1:30 pm in the Youth Building at Exposition Gardens.



Dog Show - Thursday, July 29, 1:00 pm in the Youth Building at Exposition Gardens.

Remember what matters this summer

As we look toward a summer filled with shows, we encourage you to remember this:

- It's never about winning; it's about being part of something more than yourself.
- It's never about being perfect; it's about being your personal best.
- It's never about beating someone else; it's about beating your last effort.
- It's never about losing; it's about learning what you can do to keep from losing the next time.
- It's never quitting, never giving in or giving up, never selling out or selling yourself short.
- It's learning to lose gracefully and win graciously in the ring of life.
- It's learning that sometimes the break goes your way and sometimes it doesn't, and there's nothing you can do about it but play the game you are there to play.
- It's about respecting your competitor and respecting the rules of the game and knowing the minute you stop either one, you've lost.

Illinois 4-H

Typical Conference Judging Questions

1. How did you create your exhibit?
2. What did you learn?
3. What would you change for next time?
4. How many years have you been in this project?
5. What did you like best?
6. What was the hardest part?
7. Who helped you with your project?
8. Did you make this for anyone specific?
9. What equipment did you use?
10. What are your plans for future projects?

Invite a friend to join 4-H

Let's all have FUN and be safe at the 4-H Show!

Providing a safe and fun learning experience for 4-H members is our number one goal for the 4-H show. With this in mind Extension staff and the 4-H show committees have created a risk management plan for the 2021 4-H show:

- **Reminder**—The road in front (south side) of the Beef, Jr. Livestock, Sheep & Swine livestock barns will be blocked off and accessible to load and unload livestock only. There will also be no parking in this area during the 4-H show to provide a safe environment for youth and other pedestrians in this busy walking area.
- In the event of a tornado or other severe weather everyone will be directed to take shelter in the restrooms adjacent to the snack bar area or the restrooms just outside (west side) of the youth building.
- For other emergencies such as a fire etc. everyone should meet in the snack bar area. Just like at home we all need a meeting spot in case someone gets separated from their family.
- Youth are encouraged to use the buddy system when wandering the fair grounds. It's always a good idea to stay in the more populated areas but if youth are planning to go out front in the parking lot area go with a friend.

4-H Auction - Friday, July 30

If you are planning to participate in the auction don't forget to complete and submit your Intent to Participate in the 4-H Auction form located in back of the 2021 Peoria County 4-H Show Book. Deadline to submit is July 1, 2021.

Food Stand at the 4-H Fair

Due to early planning for the 4-H Fair around the covid restrictions at that time it was decided we **will not** be having the food stand at the 4-H Fair this year. We encourage families to plan accordingly and bring a picnic lunch or plan to eat out.

IMPORTANT 4-H FAIR NOTE:

All STEAM Clothing & Shopping in Style projects will be judged at the 4-H Fair on Wednesday, July 28 this year.

Non-Livestock Project and Trophy Release

4-H non-livestock projects and trophies will remain on display until Friday at 1:00 pm when all non-livestock projects are released. NO Exceptions. Please do not take your trophy home early. We would like everyone to know who our wonderful trophy sponsors are.

Livestock Project Release

For 2021 due to covid modifications all livestock will be released at the conclusion of their show. All livestock exhibitors must have a release form for every species they exhibit signed by the superintendent of that species before removing animals from the fairgrounds. Livestock exhibitors will be permitted to show out of their trailers for 2021.

Stalls will be available if needed but the exhibitor is responsible for the set up, take down and clean up of their stall area. Exhibitors are also responsible to bring their own equipment for the removal of debris for their animal.

Copyright / Trademark Laws and Visual Arts Projects

Art using any form of protected graphics (including school logos and the 4-H emblem) cannot be used unless the 4-H member has accompanying documentation of permission to use the items. Visual Arts projects using items protected by copyright/trademark laws cannot be advanced to State Fair. If you have any questions about using an item please call the Extension office at 685-3140.

Invite a friend to join 4-H

4-H Fair HELP NEEDED!

Early set up – We will be setting up for the 4-H show on Monday, July 26. starting at 9 am.

In the morning we will clean & set up tables and chairs in the youth building for non-livestock project exhibits. We would **LOVE** to have your help! If we have a lot of help we should be done by 11:30 and will be serving pizza to our wonderful volunteers.

This year due to covid modifications we will not be setting up pens or stalls for the livestock shows.

Livestock exhibitors will be permitted to show out of their trailers for 2021.

Stalls will be available if needed but the exhibitor is responsible for the set up, take down and clean up of their stall area. Exhibitors are also responsible to bring their own equipment for the removal of debris for their animal.

After the Show- Help Needed!

Non-livestock project release is on Friday, July 30 beginning at 1:00 pm. On Friday night after the Pork Chop Dinner and Auction we could use help in taking down the tables and chairs and cleaning up the Youth Building. If we all pitch in and work together it shouldn't take too long to get everything done.

It's important to remember that Superintendents and Auction Committee members are volunteers too and by Friday evening they are just as tired and anxious to get home as you are. Please take the time to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the program and ask them what you can do to help.

Peoria County 4-H Fair Community Service Project

Participate in the Canned Food Drive sponsored by the 4-H Federation group. All 4-H clubs are invited to participate by bringing non-perishable canned or boxed food items to the 4-H Show to be donated to area food banks. The club that donates the most items will receive \$25 from Federation towards a fun outing for your club.

YQCA and Quality Assurance Animal Project Information

Cat, Dog, Horse, Poultry, and Rabbits

If a 4-H member is taking Cat, Dog, Horse, Poultry, or Rabbits – They are required to complete Quality Assurance and Ethics training, one time during their 4-H years. The website for that is:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Animal Science Posters or Displays at 4-H General Show

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

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, and Dairy Cattle

(with live animals as a project)

Statewide requirement is that members in these projects **must complete YQCA** – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, in order to show and be premium eligible.

Must be done every year they are in the project. Premiums are only given to those exhibitors who complete it. State Fair entries will only be approved for those who complete it.

- Youth may take training individually online at any time: <http://yqca.org> – Cost for this is \$12 per person or contact the Extension office at 685-3140 for a coupon code to cover the \$12 fee.

Trophies / Awards

Trophy sponsorships are needed for the 4-H show. Letters have been sent to everyone that sponsored a trophy last year but each year trophies are always needed. **Currently we are still in need of approx. 35 trophy sponsors.** If you or anyone you know is interested in sponsoring a trophy, please contact the Extension office. Sponsorships are \$25 each. Without our great sponsors, we would not have trophies.

Best time of year? 4-H Fair time!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 4-H Fair Project Exhibits

To exhibit your projects at the Peoria County 4-H Fair and to receive your exhibit tags you must enter the projects you plan to exhibit online at:

<http://peoria4-hfair.fairentry.com>

This website is separate from the 4-H online enrollment website, however you must be enrolled in 4-H Online in order to enter the projects you plan to exhibit at the 4-H show. Only the projects you are enrolled in will show up on the 4-H Fair entry website. If you have any questions or problems with the fair entry please contact the Extension office at 685-3140.

2021 4-H Fair Show Book

The 2021 Peoria County 4-H Show Book is completed and there is one available for each family. Check with your leader for a show book. It is also available on the Peoria County 4-H website at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-peoria-county>

Please take the time to review it carefully. You will find exhibit requirements for all livestock & non-livestock projects.

State Fair Book

The 2021 Illinois State Fair Premium Book is now posted to the State Fair website – link below.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx>



Club Reporters

We love to hear what your club and its member are doing even during this challenging time. Please let us know what your club is up to. Submit your club meeting or other information to Emily Schoenfelder at eschoe@illinois.edu (until the new 4-H Program Coordinator is in place) so we can highlight your club or members activities in the monthly newsletter.

4-H Spirit Display Contest



All Peoria County 4-H Clubs are invited to create a 4-H Spirit Display for the fair. The goals of the display are to:

- Beautify the 4-H show grounds
- Promote 4-H
- Opportunity for club members to work together on a creative project.
- Display Specifics about your club
- Include club name as part of display, meeting dates, times, location and leader contact info.
- Display can be a table or floor display. Please let the Extension office know in advance what type of display your club will have.
- Set up can be done on early set up day, Monday, July 26 or early Wednesday morning, July 28.
- Judging - will take place on Wednesday, and the winner will be announced Friday night at the Auction in the Youth Building
- **2021 Theme – “In 4-H you can do anything.....”**
- Clubs are responsible for bringing all supplies.
- Judges are looking for Creativity, Neatness, Eye Appeal, Use of Theme, Club Name and 4-H used in display.
- Be creative and have fun with your display!
- In addition to the “4-H Spirit” Award Stick Federation is giving a \$50 cash award to the 1st place club display and a \$25 cash award to the 2nd place club display.

4-H CLUB NEWS



Sorry we
have no
Club News

Did you know..... that 4-H Fairs don't just happen? It takes a lot of volunteers working together with Extension staff to make a 4-H Fair successful. **You** are also very important to its success because this is **your 4-H Fair**. Take the time to get involved by participating in fun activities and helping out where you can. Also, don't forget to thank our AWESOME volunteers.



Illinois
4-H FOUNDATION

Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend. Bob Forney will be the 2021 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee for Peoria County.



Are you a 4-H Alumni? We want to stay connected to you!

The Illinois 4-H Alumni Association is building a network of 4-H alumni to join the alumni association.

Sign up today for your free membership: <https://go.illinois.edu/4halum>



Share your 4-H Alumni News and Stories!

Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? New email? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected! <https://go.illinois.edu/4HALumniNews>

Interested in sharing your 4-H story with us for a 4-H Alumni Profile? Share your 4-H story today! <https://go.illinois.edu/4halumnistory>



National 4-H Congress will be held November 26-30, 2021 in Atlanta, Georgia. This will be the centennial celebration of this event and a once in a lifetime opportunity!

National 4-H Congress is a world class event that is diverse, authentic, and challenge oriented. The workshops will be laser focused on the 4-H mission, the service-learning experiences promise to be hands-on, the speakers will be engaging and entertaining, and there will plenty of opportunities for networking and recreational activities.

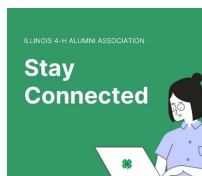
How do teens become a part of the Illinois 4-H Delegation:

Complete the [National Congress Application](https://form.jotform.com/211684793089166) at: <https://form.jotform.com/211684793089166> by **August 1, 2021.**

1. **We have spots for TEN Illinois 4-H teens to participate.** National Congress Application will be used to select the ten Illinois teens. The Illinois 4-H Foundation has secured scholarship funds for the 10 selected delegates.

2. **Cost** – The total cost this year is \$2,000 per participant. Selected youth will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to the event provided by Illinois 4-H. They are responsible for the remaining \$500 balance which must be paid prior to the event.

Program Content – To learn more about National 4-H Congress visit <http://national4-hcongress.com/> or check them out on social media. There is a delegate handbook that will contain details of the event and an example schedule (*note- not updated for 2021 yet*).



Follow the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association on Social Media

We want to stay connected to you!

Linked In: <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>

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