



4-H NEWSLETTER

July & August 2022



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

Entries now OPEN!

To enter you will need to go to:

<https://peoria4-hfair.fairentry.com> You'll need to sign in with your 4-H Online credentials and enter your fair projects! Horse, Dairy and Sewing entries are due on June 30, and all other entries are due by July 13.

Showbooks Available

As a reminder, the showbooks can be found online this year: <https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/peoria4hshowbook2022.pdf> we also have copies at the office available if you need them.

Master Showmanship

If you would like to participate in Master Showmanship this year, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/uHWE5FJH99Grx6jb6> If you are not sure if you are eligible to participate in Master Showmanship, here are some of the rules: You do NOT have to have any of the three species to participate. You must be between the ages of 14 and 18 for your 4-H age. More Master Showmanship Rules are outlined in the Showbook. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office.

Want to help at the 4-H Fair?

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.

We are still in need of Junior Superintendents! Please contact Kristi to sign up!

STEAM Clothing & Shopping in Style Project Judging

All STEAM Clothing and non-clothing (sewn and non-sewn) and Shopping in Style project exhibits are judged prior to the 4-H Fair on Tuesday, July 12 at the Lillie M Evans Library in Princeville, IL. STEAM Clothing and Shopping in Style projects are not judged at the 4-H Fair, but are required to be on display at the 4-H Fair. At clothing judging, please plan to stay until all judging and the announcement of awards is completed. For more information, exhibit guidelines, and a schedule, check out the 2022 4-H Show Book.

Virtual Poultry Show

The Peoria County Poultry Show at the 4-H Fair has been transitioned to a virtual format. There will be an awards ceremony at the fair, but no birds are allowed. If you are a Poultry exhibitor, you should have received an email about this. If you did not receive an email, please contact the office. It has important instructions that you will want to pay attention to.

4-H Day at the HOI Fair

We are again going to have 4-H Day at the Heart of Illinois Fair again! Please contact me if your club is planning on participating in this event. We want to showcase 4-H in Peoria County. The Federation has some activities planned for kids to do. It would be great if some of you could bring some projects so that the attendees can look at them! 4-H Day at the Heart of Illinois Fair is July 19.

For a schedule of the 4-H Fair, please refer to the Showbook!

Livestock Project Release

For 2022 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 2022.

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.

Hall of Fame

Peoria County day at the Illinois State Fair is Saturday, August 13. On this day our Hall of Fame inductee from Peoria County, Carol Cowser will be recognized! Come support Carol!



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.

Krista Gray

4-H Program Coordinator, Fulton County

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YQCA

If you are planning to show livestock (Dairy, Beef, Goats, Swine, and Sheep), you need to complete YQCA. If you have completed this certification, please send your certificate to kristis2@illinois.edu. If you have not yet completed it, you will have to do the online version at <https://yqcaprogram.org>. **If you are not YQCA certified, you will not be allowed to show.** This is a State 4-H policy. For YQCA, you must be certified every year.

Federation Meeting

The next Federation Meeting will be Thursday, July 7, we will be doing a project tour, and having a cookout! If you would like to join us, please contact me so that I can get you the location for the meeting!

Have Fun and be Safe at the Fair

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, we have a few helpful hints for you:

- **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.

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Golden Pitchfork

If you want to win the Golden Pitchfork this year for your species, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/vcg3XyowTeQo4ex37> What is the Golden Pitchfork you may wonder? It is an award of \$50 for demonstrating knowledge of your project. This award is sponsored by the Peoria County Auction Committee. I would encourage you to try for it, as it is a great opportunity! Rules can be found on the form.

Non-Livestock Project and Trophy Release

4-H non-livestock projects and trophies will remain on display until Friday at 1 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.

Trophies Needed!

We are still in need of trophy sponsors! Please consider donating, it only costs \$25 to sponsor a trophy! Call the office, or email Kristi if you are interested in sponsoring a trophy!

After the Show Help Needed

Non-livestock project release is on Friday, August 5 beginning at 1 pm. On Friday night after the Pork Chop Dinner and Auction, we could use help 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.

Visual Arts Projects and Copyright/ Trademark Laws

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 the State Fair. If you have any questions about using an item, please call the Extension office at 685-3140.

Auction Information

The Auction Committee has started a Facebook page, and would like to start posting pictures of you all working with your projects! Please send pictures of you and your projects to kristis2@illinois.edu if you would like to be featured on their page! If you are planning on participating in the Auction, you need to turn in your "Intent to Participate Form" to the office by July 1.

Silent Auction

All clubs are asked to donate an item or items for the 13th annual Silent Auction at the 4-H Show. Proceeds from the auction go towards the scholarships that are sponsored by the Auction Committee.

Spirit Display Contest

All Peoria County 4-H Clubs are invited to create a 4-H Spirit Display at the Fair. The guidelines of the display are:

- Include club name as part of display, meeting dates, times, location and leader contact info
- Display can either be a table display or a stall display in one of the livestock barns or something different. 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, August 1, or Wednesday morning, August 3
- Judging will take place on Wednesday, and the winner will be announced Friday night at the beginning of the Clothing Review in the Youth Building
- 2022 Theme – "Spark your Adventure in 4-H"
- Clubs are responsible for bringing all supplies
- Judges are looking for Creativity, Neatness, Eye Appeal, Use of Theme, Club Name and how 4-H is used in the display.

You also will want to remember to use this space for the club canned food drive! We want to provide healthy options for local food banks.

You have a shopping list for this! Any items on the shopping list will be worth five points. Items that are

not on the list will be worth one point, and if you bring any expired items, you will be rewarded with zero points. Scan the QR Code to find the shopping list!



Help Needed!!!!

Early set up – We will be setting up for the 4-H fair on Monday, August 1.

In the morning, we will clean and set up the youth building for project exhibits. If we have a lot of help, we should be done by 11:30 or noon, and will be serving pizza to our wonderful volunteers.

In the late afternoon (approx.. 4:30-5 PM) we will start setting up the livestock barn stalls, rabbit pens, etc. We will have more pizza or hot dogs for our great late afternoon volunteers. (ALL youth exhibiting a livestock project are required to help set up stalls and/or pens. Please bring any necessary items you may need for set up. If you are unable to set up stalls or pens on this date, please contact the superintendent.



It's 4-H Fair Time!

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.
9. 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.

4-H Day with the Chiefs

4-H Day with the Peoria Chiefs will be held on July 30th! This also happens to be Ag Day with the Peoria Chiefs! You can either call our office to reserve tickets, or call the Farm Bureau Office!

Pheasants Forever Events

Pheasants Forever would like to extend an invitation to 4-H members to the following events:

Youth Trap Shoot-Peoria Skeet & Trap- Tues. July 5, 12, 19 & 26 Starting at 6 PM

Hunter's Safety Class-St. Mary of the Woods Church Princeville July 28-29, 5-10 PM

Family Wing Shoot Clinic-Jubilee Park-August 27-28
Gilles Trap Shoot-Sept. 24-25

Mackinaw Youth Hunt-November 12

Youth/Women's/Veterans Pheasant Hunt-November 26-27

To register for any of these events, contact Mike Aldrich at (309)229-4090 or e-mail collectors64@hotmail.com

Congratulations

to Peoria County 4-H Member, Kate Colgan! She was elected to be the Illinois State FFA Treasurer! We are really proud of Kate, and wish her good luck with everything!



4-H Grand Champions from 12

Counties ([Knox](#), [Warren](#), [Henderson](#), [McDonough](#), [Mercer](#), [Rock Island](#), [Henry](#), [Stark](#), [Tazewell](#), [Fulton](#), [Mason](#), [Peoria](#)) are invited to compete for the biggest banner in Western Illinois on Saturday, August 6, 2022 in Knoxville, IL at the Knox County Fairgrounds. The eight Grand Champions from each county that will be invited are the Grand Champion Breeding Heifer and Market Steer from the Beef Show, Grand Champion Breeding Gilt and Market Barrow from the Swine Show, Grand Champion Breeding Ewe and Market Whether from the Sheep Show, and from the Boer Goat Show Champion Breeding Doe and Champion Market Whether. Cash payouts, prizes and awards provided by generous Western Illinois breeders and businesses. We can't wait to see you at The Throwdown!

Scholarship Deadline

The final scholarship deadline is HERE! The Auction Committee offers 5 Scholarships, and the Jubilee Patriots also offer a Scholarship. Information on these scholarships have been sent to you. You may also find them on our website. The deadline for the Doris Schoenbein and Leadership Scholarships as well as the Jubilee Patriots Bob Forney Memorial Award have already passed. Please keep these in mind for next year! We are so thankful for the Auction Committee and the Jubilee Patriots for sponsoring these awards! The Auction Committee's Scholarships have all been generously raised to \$500! This money will not go straight to your college, it will go directly to YOU! Please apply for them, because they are fantastic opportunities!

Senior/ Last Year Recognition

We are recognizing our seniors, as well as our members who are in their last year in 4-H. Please fill out the forms for both: Last year:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8soXJWG3yjhs_qgYUijhv71ynyRXdUvg2JnjAQJwUDQM27Q/viewform

Senior in High School:

https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/survey-builder/SV_cvYoj2ZNgG7XdFI/edit

The Great 4-H Learning Garden

For information contact May Bach at may.bach23455@yahoo.com or 309-397-5008, and don't forget to follow their Facebook page!

Livestock Judging Contest Results

Congratulations to the Peoria County 4-H Livestock Judging Team!

The Livestock Judging Team has spent the spring traveling all around the state of Illinois and evaluating livestock. They attended the State 4-H Contest in Champaign, IL on June 20.

Junior Division: Rylie Walsh

Senior Division: Jackie Colgan, Annemarie Litwiller, Koda Maguire and Laura Stevens

The Seniors ended up bringing home 5th place in Beef, and were 10th Overall. Koda Maguire was 10th in Swine. It has been an absolute joy to work with these kids this year! Team members that did not attend the state contest with us, but still have been working really hard are Tanner Catton, Kate Colgan, Marie Theobald, and Reagan Walsh. If you are interested in doing livestock judging in the fall, we will be starting back up in September! Please contact Kristi if you would like to join us!

Federation Spotlight

Our Monthly Federation Member spotlight is Laura Stevens!

Club: Elmwood All-Stars

Favorite Project: Showing Goats, woodworking, photography

Favorite color: Sky Blue

Years in 4-H: 9

Why join Federation: I enjoyed being in 4-H so much, and wanted to broaden my friendships with individuals in different clubs within my county. I also wanted to have more of a hand in helping with the Peoria County 4-H Fair as well as other things Federation does for the community.

Desired Superpower: If I had a superpower it would be to speak and understand every language. I would like this super power because I would be able to communicate with all individuals no matter where they are from.

Advice for Younger Members: Embrace everything 4-H has to offer and engage in all of the opportunities you are given



Project Books

If you need to order project books, please go to: go.illinois.edu/FMPTPubs you can also contact your club leader, or myself to order these. The cost is \$2 per book. Some project books are needed for your project for the fair. Please remember to thoroughly read the rules in the showbook.



New Members!

Chillicothe Youth on Fire: Joshua Carr, James Relaford, Kevin Relaford, Zachary Relaford

Laura Winners: Wyatt Blasa

Peoria Clovers: Ahana Naik

Good Luck Cloverbuds!

We also wanted to recognize our Cloverbuds this year, and tell them good luck at the fair!

Chillicothe Youth on Fire: Vincent Bell, Cash Millar, Daisy Millar, Benjamin Relaford, Faith Relaford

Elmwood All-Stars: Nikhil Jorden, Daniel Showman

Jubilee Patriots: Kynzie Johnson, Claire Manzke, Gena Unsicker

Laura Winners: Dollar Perham

Peoria Clovers: Finley Monkemeyer

FMPT Unit News



There's still time to sign up for 4-H Adventures in Nature! You'll get nature-based activity challenges that you can complete in July and August. For each month your family completes a challenge, you will receive a digital badge and a special prize to be given out at our Outdoor Adventure Fun Day! The Fun Day will take place at Dickson Mounds on Saturday, August 27, 2022. Visit go.illinois.edu/AdventuresInNature to sign up or learn more!



Participate in a Fun Dog Show!

A Fun Dog Show is planned for July 19, and will be hosted in conjunction with the Heart of Illinois Fair. If you have been in the Dog Obedience SPIN Club, or are planning on showing your dog, this would be a great opportunity to practice! It would also be a great opportunity to meet kids from other 4-H programs. For information on how to get signed up for this great time, contact John Davidson at johnfd@hotmail.com.

Livestock Judging Contest

The Peoria County Livestock Judging Team is planning on hosting a Judging contest on July 20 at the Heart of Illinois Fair. If you would like to participate, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/Cs41V15zYu4CCAoQ7> To help out with the contest, or for questions, please contact Kristi Smith at kristis2@illinois.edu.

State 4-H Events

July

5-9	Memorial Camp
16	Shooting Sports Adult Certification Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona
17-21	Memorial Camp
24-30	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

August

10	SYPA General Livestock
11	State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest
12-14	State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
13-15	Illinois State Fair
20	State Superior Young Producer Contest Dairy
20	State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
27	State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center

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 Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington
9	4-H State Pistol Shoot CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois
14-16	Junior Leadership Conference

January 2023

13-15	Youth Livestock Conference
25-29	National 4-H Congress

April 2023

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



News from Illinois 4-H



New for 2022: 4-H State Shoots will be lowering the eligibility age of participants to age 12 by Sept. 1, 2022. This expands the opportunities to 4-H youth a year earlier than in years prior. Registration fees have also been lowered and include a T-shirt! Registration will begin for all shoots on July 6, 2022. Registration links are below and will stay active until 2 weeks prior to each shoot or until capacities are reached.

Find details at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-competitions>



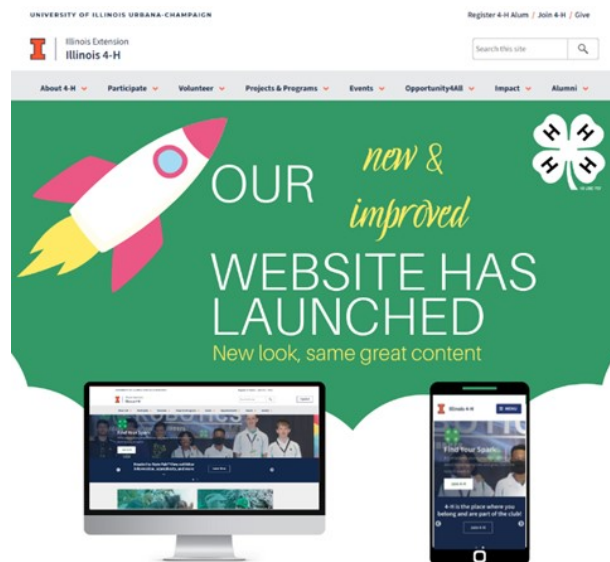
Announcing the State 4-H Food Advocate of the Month Opportunity

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 give 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:

<https://go.illinois.edu/4HFoodAdvocateoftheMonth>.

Please direct any inquiries to Mark Becker, Illinois 4-H Food Systems Specialist: mbbecker@illinois.edu.



The new State 4-H website goes live 6/29! You'll still find all the info you need on projects, State Fair, events, and more - just with an updated look and cleaner navigation. Head to <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/> to check it out!



Volunteers in action!

We'd love for you to share photos of your volunteers in action for use in social media and the CloverSeed magazine! Please submit any photos through this JotForm:

<https://form.jotform.com/221324595403047>



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**4-H
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4-H Show & Fair Dates

FULTON

General Show - 7/9

County Fair - 7/25-30

MASON

July 25-28

PEORIA

August 3-5

TAZEWELL

August 1-3