

Welcome New Members!

Chillicothe Youth on Fire Cloverbuds

Evelyn Relaford

Kickapoo Kickers Cloverbuds

Stella Kerrigan

Edelstein Eager Beavers

Carter Ehnle
Eliana Hodel
Molly Joos

Laura Winners

Braelyn Hofstatter
Trice Hofstatter

Limestone Leaders Cloverbuds

Naomi Cunningham

Jubilee Patriots

Claire Manzke
Keston Grohmann
Reagan Pullen

Peoria Clovers

Hunter Robinson

Jubilee Patriots Cloverbuds

Cody Martin
Victoria Pullen

Teen Teachers

Hasini
Jonnalagedda



Rylie Walsh 4-H Summer Assistant

Peoria 4-H member Rylie Walsh has taken on a new leadership role by working as the Peoria 4-H summer assistant. She is working on a lot of the behind the scenes projects that help make our 4-H fair run smoothly. Thanks for all your help Rylie!



Want a hardcopy of the newsletter?

Email Kristi at kristis2@illinois.edu



Yay for Fair Season!

I want to wish you a very happy and safe fair season! This year we are developing our abilities like adaptability and creative thinking. For many, many years (long before I was a 4-H member) the Peoria 4-H Show has been held in the same location. But due to changes with that venue, we are adapting and holding our 4-H exhibit opportunities at several locations. While it may look and feel a little bit different this year, I promise we are focusing on all of the positive youth development aspects and it will be a fun learning opportunity for all of us. I am sooo looking forward to seeing everyone at the fair! It's going to be a great one!

Kristi

Aerospace Judging and Rocket Launch

4-H members enrolled in Aerospace and registered to exhibit that project are invited to have their project judged and then participate in the rocket launch.

You are invited to join us

Monday, June 30

4 PM judging | 6 PM Rocket Launch

Banner Elementary School

12610 N Allen Rd, Dunlap, IL 61525

The 4-H Fair will be held

July 9-11, 2025.

Locations:

Raber's Packing Co

3000 W Farmington Rd, West Peoria

Stark County Fairgrounds

310 Diagonal St, Wyoming

Volunteers needed to help set-up for the 4-H fair.

The 4-H family is invited to help with all of the 4-H fair set-up needs at both locations. There are tasks for everyone - youth and adults. Working alongside others is a great way to build friendships and a sense of well-being. We look forward to working along side you.

General Show Set-up

We will be setting up at Raber's Packing Co.

Tuesday, July 8

2 - 4 PM

Livestock Show Set-up

We will be setting up some pens and stalls.

Stark County Fairgrounds Tuesday, July 8

6 PM

Edelstein Eager Beavers Club Report

By Cailyn Martin

The April meeting of the Edelstein Eager Beavers was held at Ben and Hannah Martin's shed. Saige and Alaina taught a large group of 4-H members some cake decorating tips and Mike Smith helped another large group of 4-H members with model rockets. Afterwards, we ate a snack.



Club Reports

Please continue to email your Reports to:
kristis2@illinois.edu



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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
Joli Pierson
4-H Program Coordinator, Mason County
Abbie Phillips
4-H Program Coordinator, Tazewell County
Kristi Smith
4-H Program Coordinator, Peoria County
Lynda Sharp-Lower
4-H Program Coordinator, Tazewell County
Judy Schmidt, Metro 4-H Youth Educator
Earl Allen, County Director
Deb Balagna, Fulton Office Support
Paula Lane, Mason Office Support
Angela Sassine, Peoria Office Support
Julann Schierer, Tazewell Office Support



Showbook Cover Design Contest Winner

Congratulations to:
Cailyn Martin
Edelstein Eager Beavers
2025 4-H Show Book Cover Designer

Illinois State Fair PEORIA COUNTY EXHIBIT DAY SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

All general projects selected for State Fair will be judged on **Saturday, August 9**. All projects must be checked in from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Project judging times will vary and will be available to you after project check-in.

Other State Fair Judging dates include:

- July 21-27, 2025/ State Fair Junior Horse Show / Illinois State Fairgrounds
- October 4, 2025 / Illinois State 4-H Dog Show / Interstate Center, Arena B, Bloomington, IL

YQCA Reminder

The YQCA is the livestock quality assurance program that is required for youth in the following species: dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program yearly. Youth must either attend a face to face class or certify on-line via the website yqcaprogram.org The cost for face-to-face training is \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

Quality Assurance & Ethics:QA&E

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. Members only need to take this once during their 4-H career. The QAEC training can be accessed in the Clover Academy section of the ZSuite Enrollment System. ZSuite can be accessed at 4h.zsuite.org/. Families can access directions for completing the course at go.illinois.edu/TakeQAEC.

4-H Fair Reminders

- Attach your tag securely to your project
- Only projects with SF#### after the class name are eligible for State Fair delegates
- Trophy winners are asked to send a thank you to the trophy sponsor
- Animals must be in place by 7:30 AM on July 10 and 8 AM on July 11
- All animals must be show health papers before unloading
- Livestock exhibitors must wear appropriate footwear while in show ring. Appropriate show attire is recommended.
- Livestock is released at the end of the auction.
- Auction Guidelines are on page 10 of the show book.
- The Golden Pitchfork competition must be pre-registered, includes and interview, and is based on sportsmanship, responsibility, and showmanship.
- Showmanship Adventure is for goats, rabbits, and poultry. Details on page 44 of show book.
- Master Showmanship is for beef, sheep, and swine. Details are on page 43 of show book.

Master Showmanship

Master Showmanship is a long-standing 4-H tradition that challenges youth to be skilled in more than one livestock species. This contest focuses on Beef, Sheep, and Swine.

Peoria 4-H members must exhibit in one or more of those species to compete. Participants must talk to their fellow 4-H members and find their own livestock for the competition. Each exhibitor must own or borrow each: a steer or heifer, a market or breeding lamb, and a market hog or breeding gilt.

The local winner is invited to participate in the Master Showmanship contest at the Illinois State Fair.

To register complete this online form: forms.gle/w8b8cghHkhcACKyc7



Join the group to sing the National Anthem

Each year we start the Barnyard Games with the National Anthem. This year we are putting together a group of 4-H members to sing the National Anthem.

Would you like to be a part of that special group? Please fill out this form and let us know you are interested. There will be a practice shortly before the beginning of Barnyard Olympics.

Registration form: forms.gle/XzuCHRRhcuL2bRi78



Showmanship Adventure

The Peoria County 4-H Showmanship Adventure will be held on Thursday, July 10 – Friday, July 11 after each species' Challenge Showmanship Class. We start Thursday at 8AM. with goat. We will continue with Rabbits and Poultry on Friday starting at 8AM Showmanship is usually the last classes of each species. It will be evaluated by the Poultry, Rabbit and Goat judges.

Showmanship Adventure is the “Master Showmanship” contest for members exhibiting in rabbits, poultry, OR goats. This is an opportunity for youth to stretch their showmanship skills in more species.

Participants must talk to their fellow 4-H members and find their own livestock for the competition. Each exhibitor must own or borrow each: a chicken, a rabbit, and a market, breeding, or dairy goat. Register for this competition at forms.gle/B6hkUWgdc9aAAGvf7

Poultry Testing

Monday, July 7, 5:30 PM

The Illinois Dept of Ag has requirements for health inspection of poultry for exhibit at a county fair. State certified poultry testers will be at the Farm Bureau Park on Monday, July 5 beginning at 5:30 p.m. to test poultry. Please attend to have birds inspected, blood tested, and obtain the VS Form 9-2. Be prepared to provide the poultry breed information.

Golden Pitchfork

The Golden Pitchfork competition is more than just a “clean stall” award. This exhibit opportunity challenges youth to exemplify the skills of good sportsmanship, responsibility, and showmanship.

The judges are evaluating these skills in our 4-H exhibitors while they are in the show ring, while they are caring for their animals, and while they are interacting with their competitors, judges, general public, and volunteers. In addition, Youth will be given an interview time. During the interview, youth will be asked a series of questions to determine their knowledge of their animal project.

To register complete this online form: forms.gle/idmXD5Cw91cEop1B8



Attention parents of 8 or almost-8 year olds

If your child is finishing up their days as a Cloverbud this year....meaning they will be 8 by Sept. 1..... we would like to surprise them at the Cloverbud Graduation held during the 4-H fair.

Will you please fill out this form and let us know that you and your Cloverbud will be able to join us for the Graduation ceremony held during the Recognition ceremony held

Friday, July 11
Raber's Packing House
Starting approximately 6:45 p.m. - following the pork chop dinner and fashion review.

Cloverbud graduation form: forms.gle/tAjv8GaT9WPM6rmP7



Junior Superintendents Needed

It takes a lot of support to make our 4-H fair run smoothly and Jr. Superintendents play an important role. Youth interested in supporting the 4-H fair, building their leadership skills, and having fun working on the fair team are encouraged to sign up to become a Jr. Superintendent.

The registration gives youth the options to select their areas of interest, days available and t-shirt size. The very important ask is that youth **only sign up for days and times they are truly able to be in Wyoming OR at Raber's** to volunteer. It is encouraged to double check your schedule and with your parents before signing up.

Sign up form: forms.gle/ybN7QAzigpi7m15W8

Trophy Thank you Reminder

Remember to send a thank you note to the generous donors who provided trophies and awards for this year's fair. It's important to show our appreciation for their support of the 4-H community. If you need help with contact information, please reach out to the office.



End of 4-H Year Documents and Award Apps due to the office by Thursday, Sept. 25

Awards - County

- [Club of Year Application](#)
- [Doris Schoenbein Award](#)
- [I Dare You Award](#)
- [James Daugherty Award](#)
- [Jason Coulter Memorial Award](#)
- [Bob Forney Memorial Award](#)
- [Bob Forney/Jubilee Patriots Memorial](#)
- [Cathy Ludolph Opportunity Scholarship](#)
- [Leadership Scholarship](#)
- [Reporter Award Application](#)
- [S-W Kiwanis Leadership and Community Service Award](#)
- [Year Focus Award](#)
- [Tips for Preparing Your Year Focus](#)

Awards - County Educational PowerPoints: [Download the files from this online shared folder.](#)

- Click through these PowerPoint slides to gain insights and helpful tips to completing your Peoria 4-H award applications.

Awards - State: [Visit the Illinois 4-H website for state level member and club awards.](#)

- 4-H Club Recognition
- Illinois 4-H Experience Award-Individuals
- Holstein-Friesian Association Award
- Illinois 4-H Electricity Achievement
- Illinois 4-H Sustaining the Future Award
- Scholarships



High School Seniors Recognition

Even though you may have one more year of 4-H eligibility, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize your high school graduation at the 4-H fair.

You are invited to join us

Friday, July 11

6:45 p.m.

Raber's Packing House

to be a part of the Awards Celebration.

Please give us a heads up that you are able to join us by filling out this form: forms.gle/6ayPCTjip6U2LEuQ8



Graduating 4-H Members

4-H members who are 4-H age 18 will be "graduating" from the 4-H program and becoming a 4-H Alumni.....and hopefully an adult volunteer.

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Federation Messy Games were Messy

Federation offers Peoria 4-H teens the opportunity to develop leadership skills, take on additional 4-H responsibilities at the county and unit level, connect with other teens from throughout the county, and have a lot of fun together. It has become a Peoria 4-H Federation tradition to host a Messy Games night each summer. This year the group “competed” in a tug-of-war, team relay, kickball game, and then finished up with a little water slide fun.

Peoria 4-H members who are age 12 and older are invited to join in on the Federation fun. The group meets monthly. The meeting location and activities vary, but generally are the first Thursday of each month beginning at 6 p.m.

The next meeting will be held in August.

To find out more information or get added to the Federation meeting reminder list, contact Kristi Smith, kristis2@illinois.edu.

More Messy Game photos at
extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-youth-development
 scroll down to the list of photo albums



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Peoria 4-H Show 2025 Schedule

Fair Schedule

DAY ONE/WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025 / RABER'S

8 AM - Set up for staff and superintendents

9 AM - Judges Orientation

9:30 AM-Noon - General Project judging

Noon-12:30 PM - Judges Break for lunch

12:30-3 PM - General Project judging

3-4 PM - Exhibits closed to the public (Trophy & State Fair Selections)

5 PM - Cook out Party to celebrate Cathy Ludolph; Projects Released (Pictures must be taken of winners); Share the Fun Contest at Raber's

DAY TWO/ THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025 / STARK CO.

FAIRGROUNDS

7:30 AM - All Livestock must be on the Grounds

7:45 AM - Scales open for Weigh In of Livestock

8 AM - Livestock shows begin in main show ring: Goats - Sheep - Swine - Cattle; Master Showmanship follows each class of Challenge Showmanship; Dog show begins

4:30 PM - Barnyard Games Weigh In

6 PM - National Anthem and Opening Ceremonies for Barnyard Games

6:10 PM - Barnyard Games

ALL Livestock will be released following the conclusion of their species.

Clean up of Livestock Barns MUST be completed prior to release.

DAY THREE/ FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025 / RABER'S AND STARK CO. FAIRGROUNDS

7 AM - Rabbits & Poultry on grounds, in pens or coops at Stark Co. Fairgrounds

8 AM - Rabbit show at Stark Co. Fairgrounds

9 AM - Poultry Show at Stark Co. Fairgrounds

Noon - Cat Show at Stark Co. Fairgrounds

5-7 PM - Pork Chop Dinner at Raber's

5:30 PM - Fashion Review

6:45 PM - Volunteer and Scholarship Recognitions, Cloverbud Graduation

7 PM - 4-H Livestock Auction

All members and families are expected to stay and help with clean up!

HORSE SHOW / SATURDAY, August 23, 2025/ GRAY HORSE FARM

8:00 AM - Horse Show Check In

9:00 AM - Horse & Pony Show - Halter Classes

Costume, Walk/Trot, Hunter & English/ Western Performance Classes & Trail

Speed Events

Horse Project Release after Horse Show

DAIRY SHOW/ LINDEN HILL FARMS

Monday, July 14, 2025