



# 4-H NEWSLETTER

March & April 2023

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



## Green Communities Project

We are fortunate to once again participate in the Green Communities Tree Program! We have been selected to plant 25 trees to create an Oak Savana. The tree planting will take place at Charter Oak

Park, 5802 N Orange Prairie Rd. in Peoria. It will be April 1 at 10 am. Please let us know if you can make it! Please bring shovels and gloves. If it is a rainy day, the back up date will be April 8.

## Floral Arrangement Workshop

I am super excited and thankful that Julie Blunier of J.Blu design will be hosting a Floral Design workshop! Space is limited, so you will want to sign up as soon as possible! The workshop will be held March 28 at 6 pm! Register here: <https://go.illinois.edu/FloralDesign23>

## Scholarships

Scholarships can be found on our website under the resources tab (at the bottom of the page). All County Scholarships for Peoria County will be due June 1. The updated applications will be emailed out to everyone. There will be a new Cathy Ludolph Memorial Scholarship this year.

## Publication Orders

Don't forget to order your publications! Please use this link to order them: [go.illinois.edu/FMPTPubs](https://go.illinois.edu/FMPTPubs) We will pull the books and have them available for you or your leader to pick up in the office.

## Family Heritage Workshop

We are very fortunate to be hosting a Family Heritage and Genealogy workshop at the Extension office in Peoria on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6 PM! Come learn about how to trace your family roots, and hear some very interesting stories from an expert!

Register here: <https://go.illinois.edu/Genealogy23>

## Archery SPIN Club

We are looking forward to starting Archery again in May! The registration link will be coming out in a future email. Please know that space will be limited, so watch closely for that email, and sign up as soon as possible. We are looking to start on Saturday, May 6.

## Limestone Leaders Open House

There's a new club in town, and they are excited to meet you! The Limestone Leaders Open House will be held March 16 at Alpha Park Library. PLEASE let Kristi know if you can help! We want to show the potential new members the kinds of projects that they can do and all the opportunities they have!



## Project Enrollment Deadline Approaching!

Please make sure that you are enrolled in ZSuite before May 1. In order to participate in the Peoria County 4-H Fair, you MUST be enrolled in the system by this date. If you have any questions about enrollment, or about projects, please reach out to Kristi! Enroll at: <https://4h.zsuite.org/>



# 4-H Events

## Congratulations Alexa!

Congratulations to Alexa Salverson for being selected to receive the 2023 Illinois 4-H Creative Arts & Performing Arts & Communications Scholarship! Alexa will be recognized at the State 4-H Celebration of Excellence Awards Banquet on April 1! Great job Alexa!



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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.

### **Krista Gray**

4-H Program Coordinator, Fulton County

### **Joli Pierson**

4-H Program Coordinator, Mason County

### **Kristi Smith**

4-H Program Coordinator, Peoria County

### **Katharine Girone**

4-H Program Coordinator, Tazewell County

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**Earl Allen**, County Director

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**Angela Sassine**, Peoria County Office Support

**Julann Schierer**, Tazewell County Office Support

## March

- 9 – Peoria County Public Speaking Contest
- 11 – Clovers Around the Counties Rocks and Minerals and Gardening with Pollinators (Fulton County)
- 11 – Sheep SPIN Club Meeting
- 14 – Livestock and Auction Committee Meeting
- 16 – Limestone Leaders Open House
- 18 – Clovers Around the Counties Rabbit and Poultry Workshops (Mason County)
- 25 – Clovers Around the Counties Cake Decorating Workshops (Mason County)
- 25 – Great Learning Garden SPIN Club Meeting
- 25 – Sheep SPIN Club Meeting
- 25 – Neighbor Kids Dairy SPIN Club
- 28 – Floral Arrangement Workshop

## April

- 1 – Tree Planting Day at Charter Oak Park
- 6 – Federation Meeting
- 8 – Back Up Tree Planting Day
- 15 – Sheep SPIN Club Meeting
- 19 – Foundation Meeting
- 22 – Adventures in Nature Kick-Off
- 27 – Leader Meeting
- 29 – Great Learning Garden SPIN Club Meeting
- 29 – Sheep SPIN Club Meeting
- 29 – Neighbor Kids Dairy SPIN Club

## May

- 1 – Project Enrollment Deadline
- 1 – Trophy Sponsor Deadline
- 9 – Genealogy Workshop
- 11 – Federation Meeting
- 16 – Entries Open for Fair
- 27 – Neighbor Kids Dairy SPIN Club

## June

- 1 – Federation Messy Games Meeting

## Help us make more Tablecloths

We love our table cloths for the fair! This year, we will be adding tablecloths to the Judge's tables ! If you are interested in helping to make the tablecloths, please let Kristi know.

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## YQCA

If you missed your opportunity to take YQCA at Raber's, the other counties are offering a YQCA class as well. These dates are: Fulton – Friday, April 7 at the Fulton County Office. More dates may be coming for Mason and Tazewell, but there will be no other Peoria County dates. If none of these dates work for you, you will need to take the training online. After you have completed the training, please email your certificate to me at [kristis2@illinois.edu](mailto:kristis2@illinois.edu).

## Share the Fun Contest

Be getting your Share the Fun Contest Skits together! We are once again putting on the Share the Fun Contest at the 4-H Fair! You can be as fun or goofy as you would like to be!

## Pre-4-H Show Open House

Do you need help sorting out what you need to do to get ready for the 4-H Show? We are here to help! We will be hosting an Open House at the Peoria County office on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. The goal of this evening is to go over questions you may have about exhibiting at the 4-H Fair. This is the perfect event for new 4-H families as well as long-time 4-H members! Please let Kristi know if you can make it at [kristis2@illinois.edu](mailto:kristis2@illinois.edu)!

## SPIN Clubs

We have a lot of fun upcoming SPIN Club meetings! Check the Calendar section for dates!

## Save the Fair Dates!

Save the Date for the Peoria County 4-H Fair: July 12-14, 2023 at Expo Gardens in Peoria!



## Dog Obedience SPIN Club

You will be receiving an email about the Dog Obedience SPIN Club with in the next month or so! We have a wonderful new instructor signed up to help us out, and a great new location! Details will be coming out soon, so please be watching for that!

## Show Book

The Fair Book will be ready by the end of the month. When they are ready, you will be sent a link. Leaders and superintendents will be receiving hard copies. If you need one, you will need to contact the office and let us know!

## Livestock Judging

If you are interested in joining the Livestock Judging Team, please contact Kristi. They have been to 2 contests this spring so far, and have had a lot of fun!

## We are looking for Trophy Sponsors!

If you are interested in sponsoring a trophy for the 4-H Fair this year, please let us know! Trophy letters will be going out to previous sponsors in the next few weeks. We are increasing the price this year to \$30 per trophy. They are going to be very similar to last year's trophies!

## SHHHHHHH It's a Secret!

We want to honor Cloverbuds at the 4-H Fair. Cloverbuds will be receiving certificates on Thursday, July 13. Cloverbuds that will be transitioning to full 4-H membership after this fair will get to participate in a graduation Ceremony! If you are the parent of a Cloverbud that will be graduating, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/xrGx7efwxGJccXq46>





## New Members and Cloverbuds!

### Elmwood All Stars

Delaney Blunier  
Calder Jennings  
Caleb Schlipf  
Colton Schlipf  
Kaylee Steffes

### Jubilee Patriots

Annabell Strack  
Tucker Strack

### Peoria Clovers

Emilee Ruth

### Peoria Clovers Cloverbuds

Donnie Suydam  
Taylor Ruth

### Neighbor Kids Dairy SPIN Club

Bryce Vollmer

## 4-H New Alumni

If this is your LAST year in 4-H, we want to recognize you at the 4-H Fair! Please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/6ttbLGtc3E6P4j4h6> so that we can!

## Birthday Bags

If your club did the Birthday Bag Project, please report the number of Birthday Bags you assembled to Kristi. This way we can celebrate in the next newsletter. Thank you for doing the Birthday Bag Project!



## 4-H Graduates

If you are graduating from High School this year, we want to recognize you at the 4-H Fair! Please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/Vs24a9KtKrB7NPVo6>

## Dunlap Dynamite Report



### December:

The meeting started with the 4-H pledge and the pledge of allegiance. After the pledges we all stayed together as one group.

We talked about the service project that we were about to do, which was going to Liberty Village of Peoria and singing Christmas songs. We would also be handing out Christmas cards and candy canes.

In the meeting we practiced singing Jingle Bells and made the Christmas cards for the service project. Once we were done, we all were dismissed and left.

### January

#### Meeting:

We started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and the 4-H pledge. Then we filled out a paper



telling us what the four H's were. The four H's mean Head, Heart, Hands and Health. After that, we split into two groups, the Cloverbuds and 4-Hers. Cloverbuds are kids who are under the age of 8 and 4-Hers are the people who are above the age of 8.

The Cloverbuds learned about hobbies and made friendship bracelets.

The 4Hers talked about the different committees that we could join: the 4-H county fair, the different activities that we would do as a group, the club's goals and service projects. The club goal so far is to get more people to join Dunlap Dynamite 4-H Club.

The meeting ended and we were given Valentine treat bag



on our way out, courtesy of our awesome leader, Karen Carter.

Submitted by  
Justus Collins

## Edelstein Eager Beavers Report

### January Meeting

Our most recent meeting was held on January 23 at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall. We held a soup supper as an act of service to our families and community. For supper we had two kinds of soup, ham and cheese rolls, veggies, and desserts. We also played some fun games. One of the games was a tray game. The officers walked around to each table and showed everyone a tray full of random objects. Later on, they had to think of as many things as they could that were on the tray, from memory. For the second game we had a list of random questions such as, 'Have you traveled out of the country?', or, 'Did you eat something green today?' Each person was awarded points, but your whole table participated. If a lot of people lost points your total would be less. After you got your total you divided it by the number of people at your table because some tables had less people than others. After the soup supper and games, awards were given from last 4-H year. The people who received awards were last year's officers (Michael, Bethany, Joanna, Ruth, Aleah, Serenity), fifteen members who were new to our club last year, two members who helped in different things (Brady, Tyler), and our 4-H leaders (Hannah Martin, Mary Herrmann). They also awarded Bethany for her scrapbook and our club won the window display, which was a banner around our float in the Homecoming Parade. Our leader also told us about some classes we could take for the fair. It was a fun night and we had a lot of fun hosting it.

### February Meeting

Our last meeting was held on February 13, at RHEO. We had 4-H public presentations that we had practiced at home. We split into groups by age and family. There were two judges in each group with a small number of people also speaking or watching. You could tell about a topic you wanted to learn about and tell about, a topic to entertain people, a topic to persuade someone, a topic to show how to do something, and other things too. Once all the groups were finished we had our regular meeting and had a snack. We want to thank our leaders and judges for their willingness to have an awesome club and help with 4-H.

written by Ivory Herrmann

## Archery Workshop - Making a Leather Arm Guard

Sunday, March 19

Mason County Extension office, lower level 2-4 pm  
Space is limited, so call 309-543-3308 now!

\$5.00 fee

Every youth will make and take a hand crafted leather arm guard suitable for 4-H archery events.

Register by Friday, March 17.



  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
STEM Academy  
July 17-21, 2023  
 Illinois Extension

Build your tech skills and make new friends at this amazing summer program! Get the most up-to-date details by signing up for our eblast list at [go.illinois.edu/FMPTeblast](http://go.illinois.edu/FMPTeblast). (Select STEM programs.)



**4-H TEEN TEACHERS**  
*snacks, friends, and fun!*  
  
Scan the QR code for more info!  


## BECOME A TEEN TEACHER!

Join us on an adventure to develop your leadership skills, make new friends, teach young people, and make a difference in your community! 4-H Teen Teachers lead fun, hands-on activities, while getting great experience! Join anytime throughout the Spring. Training sessions are held at U of I Extension, Peoria County Office, and upcoming dates include:

- March 27 – 6 pm
- April 24 – 6 pm
- May 22 – 6 pm
- June 7-9 – 9 am to 3 pm

Learn more at [extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/teens-teachers-program](http://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/teens-teachers-program) or email Judy at [schmid7@illinois.edu](mailto:schmid7@illinois.edu).

## Clovers Around the Counties!



Geology - \$5  
March 11 | 10am | Fulton County

Gardening with Pollinators - \$5  
March 11 | 1pm | Fulton County

Rabbits - \$5  
Mar 18 | 10am | Mason County

Poultry - \$5  
Mar 18 | 1pm | Mason County

Food Decorating - \$10  
Mar 25 | 9am-12pm | Mason County



Register at:  
[go.illinois.edu/CATC](https://go.illinois.edu/CATC)

We still have lots of **Clovers Around the Counties** fun coming up! Don't miss the amazing workshops happening in March! Learn more or register at [go.illinois.edu/CATC](https://go.illinois.edu/CATC).



## SAVE THE DATE

### 4G STEM Camp

GIRLS + GADGETS + GAMES + GENIUS

DATE: JUNE 26-30, 2023

LOCATION: BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

Registration will open March 1  
For more information: <https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt>

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**4G STEM Camp** introduces girls entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grade to careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The camp includes hands-on activities, lab experiments, and field trips to area businesses offering STEM-related careers. Learn more at [extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4g-stem-camp](https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4g-stem-camp).



ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES IS BACK!  
SUMMER 2023

## Illini Summer Academies

Participants attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be. Stay tuned for registration this spring!

## News from Illinois 4-H



20th Annual  
**4-H DAY**  
with the  
*Cardinals*

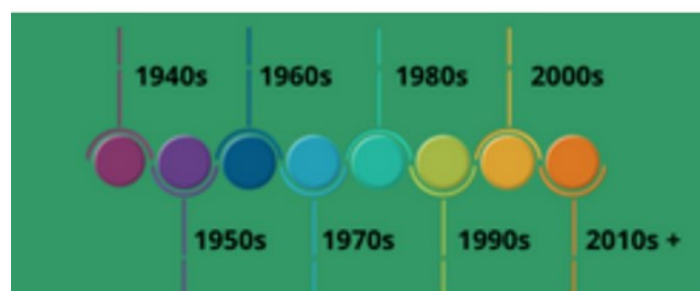
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SATURDAY  
**20**  
MAY

CARDINALS VS LA DODGERS

4-H members, alumni, families and their friends are invited to join us for the 20th annual 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals, Saturday, May 20. Learn more or register by March 31st at [extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2023](https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2023).

## 4-H By the Decades



## 4-H BY THE DECADES 1990s - Tuesday, March 21, 2023

We are seeking Illinois 4-H History from our 4-H alumni by the decades! Join us to visit about how 4-H impacted your life during the 1990's growing up in the Illinois 4-H program. We will also be seeking photos of special memories, mementos, and awards of each decade to share on a new Illinois 4-H History website to be developed. Share with us your 4-H story! *Sponsored by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association*

Register by Friday, March 17 - <https://form.jotform.com/230454284435152>

The link will be sent to registered attendees on Monday, March 20.



Get your tackle ready! The 2023 **4-H Hooks-Us-Together** Statewide Fishing Tournament will run from April 1 – June, 30 2023. Details on how to register coming later in March!

**April** – Crappie State 4-H Tournament  
**May** – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament  
**June** – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

## Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp

Are you ready to get outside for a fun family weekend? We are kicking off the summer with **Family Camp** at **4-H Memorial Camp** on May 19-21, 2023! Find more information and registration forms at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp).

Please contact Monika Hammerschmidt ([hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu)) or Andy Davis ([ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu)) at (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



## 2023 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**  
 Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL  
 Disciplines offered: Rifle; Pistol; Archery; Coordinator  
**Saturday, May 6, 2023**  
 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL  
 Disciplines offered: Shotgun, Rifle; Pistol; Archery; Coordinator; Hunting/Outdoor Skills

If interested, contact your local University of Illinois Extension office for registration information. These dates are 9-hour “field days” which teach range management. An additional 3-hour on-line 4-H training will complete the certification process. Registration will be open Dec. 15, 2022 – Feb. 15, 2023. Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair, Illinois 4-H State Office at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu)



## National 4-H Day of Service is Coming!

4-H members continuously demonstrate they are *True Leaders* by providing amazing service to their communities! And **April 22**, the **National 4-H Day of Service**, is another great opportunity to “pledge your hands to larger service!” Be sure to share your stories of how you and your club are supporting your community (on April 22 or anytime throughout the year) by visiting [4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/4-h-community-service](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/4-h-community-service). Here, you can register your event or report your service. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the [Illinois 4-H Website](https://illinois.4hwebsite.org), so make sure to use the reporting link to document your positive efforts.



## 4-H Outdoor Skills Challenge returns!

Ready to challenge yourself and then prove it to your 4-H Leader or another trusted adult? You could teach them a thing or two! Learn these skill

levels and compete for some great prizes that will help you enjoy the outdoors!



Illinois & Indiana are teaming up for 2023 Citizenship Washington Focus! On this trip, teens will be able to experience Washington DC during an amazing week, **July 2 – 7, 2023!** The delegation will be traveling by bus, with a stop in Gettysburg, for a visit at the battlefields there. Estimated cost is \$2000 (dependent on

number of participants). Register at [4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/19340](https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/19340) by **March 6, 2023** to reserve your spot! Learn more at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/national-events/citizenship-washington-focus](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/national-events/citizenship-washington-focus) or contact Patricia McGlaughlin at [patm@illinois.edu](mailto:patm@illinois.edu)



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## KICK-OFF EVENT

Our 4-H Adventures in Nature Kick-Off Event will take place at Wildlife Prairie Park on Earth Day, April 22, 2023 at 10am-12pm!  
(Register now for discounted admission.)

Explore the park and do fun, 4-H activities!

Tour the 4-H Great Learning Garden!

Receive a free nature journal!

Participate in a service project!

## 4-H ADVENTURES *in* NATURE

Every month (April through August), we'll email you nature-based activity challenges that you and your family can complete together - whenever and wherever works for you!

Families can earn digital badges each month by completing at least one challenge, and earn a special prize by completing challenges in all 5 months of the program!

Use the link or QR code to register! The watch your email for more info and your monthly challenges.



## REGISTER NOW!



[go.illinois.edu/4-HAdventuresinNature](https://go.illinois.edu/4-HAdventuresinNature)