

# 4-H NEWSLETTER

May & June 2022

## A Note from Kristi

This is my favorite time of year! There is so much potential going around: the garden, in the livestock barns, AND new project ideas for 4-H!

Now is the perfect time to get started on all of your projects, and don't forget to have fun!!!

Sincerely,  
Kristi Smith  
4-H Program Coordinator

## 2022 Show Book

THE SHOWBOOK IS READY! Showbooks will be distributed to Leaders and Superintendents ONLY. The link for the online version of the showbook can be found below. You can print off the pages that you will need. If you need a hard copy of the showbook, feel free to contact the office. Here's the link: [extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/peoria4hshowbook2022.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/peoria4hshowbook2022.pdf)

## Congratulations 4-H Graduates

Congratulations to our 4-H members that are graduating! We want to wish you good luck in your future endeavors! If you see them around this summer, congratulate them: Haley Barrick, Lucas Beckman, Amber Brawley, Kate Colgan, Dakota Maguire, Silas Mattern, Kyle Stahl and Laura Stevens. Good Luck!

## Share the Fun

YES! We are bringing back the Share the Fun Contest at the 4-H Fair! All clubs are invited to come up with a skit that follows the theme for this year's 4-H Fair: "Spark your Adventure in 4-H!"

## Peoria County 4-H Scholarships

The Peoria County Auction Committee is very generously sponsoring 5 scholarships again this year! Each Scholarship winner will receive \$500! To find the Scholarship Applications, go to our website: [extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-peoria-county](https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-peoria-county); Scroll down to the bottom and find the Resources Tab, all scholarships can be found there. Contact Kristi if you cannot find them!

Scholarships Offered:

- Bob Forney Memorial Award
- Doris Schoenbein Award
- Jason Coulter Memorial Award
- Leadership Scholarship (2)

The Jubilee Patriots is also going to graciously offer their Bob Forney Memorial Scholarship again as well. Follow their Facebook page (and ours) for more information: [facebook.com/Jubilee-PatriotsBob-Forney-memorial-Scholarship-Page-100126818847114](https://facebook.com/Jubilee-PatriotsBob-Forney-memorial-Scholarship-Page-100126818847114)

## Federation Spotlight: Wyatt Stahl

**Club:** Edelstein Eager Beavers

**Favorite Projects:** Poultry

**Favorite Color:** Sage Green

**Desired Super Power:** To talk, listen and understand animals

**Years in 4-H:** 6

**Grade:** 9th

**Why did you decide to be in Federation:** To do more activities

**Best Thing about 4-H:**

Showing Chickens

**Advice for younger members:** Get Chickens





## Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Carol Cowser on being inducted to the 4-H Hall of Fame! Carol will be honored at the 4-H Fair before the Share the Fun, as well as at the State Fair. Thank you Carol for your 40+ years of involvement with 4-H!



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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

**Emily Schoenfelder**, 4-H Youth Educator

**Judy Schmidt**, Metro 4-H Youth Educator

**Earl Allen**, County Director

**Deb Balagna**, Fulton County Office Support

**Paula Lane**, Mason County Office Support

**Angela Sassine**, Peoria County Office Support

**Julann Schierer**, Tazewell County Office Support

## 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 early 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!

## Free Baby Chicks

Each year, Embryology in the Classroom program is offered to Peoria & Tazewell classrooms. We need homes for the chicks returned to the offices. The chicks will be straight run and a variety of purebreds and barnyard mixes; all great laying breeds.

If you are interested and have proper housing for chickens, please contact Katharine at [girone1@illinois.edu](mailto:girone1@illinois.edu) to reserve your free chicks. Pick up will be Friday, May 20 at 4 PM in the Peoria AND Tazewell Extension offices.



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## Public Presentation Winners

The Public Presentation Contest was a success! I know I thoroughly enjoyed listening to all of the very interesting speeches you all came up with! Congratulations to the winners:

**Junior Illustrated Speech:** Champion: Asher Herrmann; Reserve Champion: Aubrey Mareachen;

**Senior Illustrated Speech:** Champion: Serenity Martin; Reserve Champion: Genevieve Jennings;

**Original Works:** Champion (and Trophy winner for Public Presentations: Aleah Martin

Representing Peoria County on April 30 at the State Public Speaking contest were:

Aleah Martin, Asher Herrmann, Aubrey Mareachen.

Aleah Martin placed Second in Original Works at the State Contest! Congratulations to all the participants in Public Presentations! I can't wait to see what you come up with next year!

## 4-H Day at the



We have once again

been invited to participate at the 4-H Day at the Heart of Illinois Fair. Be looking for updates in future newsletters and emails. The Heart of Illinois Fair will be at Exposition Gardens from July 19-23.

## Barn Yard Olympics

The 2022 Barnyard Olympics will be on Thursday, August 4, 6 PM. We are looking for a few of you to assist in singing the National Anthem before the games start. Contact the office for more information!

## 4-H Silent Auction

All clubs are asked to donate an item or items for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Silent Auction at the 4-H Show.

Proceeds from the auction go towards scholarships for Peoria County youth to attend 4-H activities.

## Dog Obedience SPIN Club

The Dog Obedience SPIN Club will be meeting from May up until the Fair! Registrations for this club close on May 4<sup>th</sup>. For the first lesson, please bring proof of shots for your dog, a flat buckle collar, a water dish, treats for your dog and a good sense of humor. Classes will be every Thursday evening from 6 – 7 PM at the Peoria Obedience Training Center (POTC), 4115 Main St., Pottstown.



## Green Communities Project

Thank you to all who came out and helped us plant trees at Sommer Park! We had 24 attendees, and made quick work of the tree planting. Sommer Park is very appreciative of their new Oak Savanna!

## Goat for Sale

If you are looking for a goat, look no further! Dan and Deb Keyt are looking to sell their 4 year old pygmy wether. You can contact Dan and Deb at [dandebkeyt@gmail.com](mailto:dandebkeyt@gmail.com) or 309-635-1384.

## 4-H Learning Garden

Create beautiful garden artwork, experience new and interesting gardening methods, make new friends, and grow plant foods to feed the animals! This SPIN club is open to youth ages 8 to 18. Meeting times and dates vary. If you are interested, please contact May at: [may.bach223455@yahoo.com](mailto:may.bach223455@yahoo.com), and join their Facebook group! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381765108510256>

## Junior Superintendents

Are you looking to be helpful at the 4-H Fair? Look no further! Sign up to be a Junior Superintendent here: <https://forms.gle/F5usYPLxjJnK6gcU7> You can also contact [Kristi](#).

## Dairy SPIN Club

Contact Fred Rosenbohm if you are interested in getting hands on experiences with dairy farming! Fred Rosenbohm, Club Leader: 309-685-3140; [farm@lindenhillfarms.com](mailto:farm@lindenhillfarms.com)

## The Throwdown

The Throwdown – A Western Illinois Showdown will take place at the Knox County Fairgrounds on August 6. If you win your species (Hogs, Beef, Sheep and Goats) you will be invited to participate in this event. Look in the next newsletter for more information!

## State Livestock Judging Contest

The Peoria County Livestock Judging Team will be making their way to the Livestock Arena in Champaign. If you would like to join them, practices are on Mondays and Tuesdays. We are excited to be hosting a contest at the Heart of Illinois Fair this year as well! If you are interested in joining the team, contact: [kristis2@illinois.edu](mailto:kristis2@illinois.edu)

## Club Reports

**Edelstein Eager Beavers:** Our April meeting was held at Ben and Hannah Martin's shed on Monday the 25th. During the meeting we discussed ordering more 4h t-shirts. We were also reminded to make any enrollment changes by May 1st after the meeting we watched a video about parliamentary procedure. Then we made a snack mix with 16 different foods, but we could only put 8 items in the bowl. While making the snack mix we had to use parliamentary procedure. We made motions and voted. The video and activity were really helpful at teaching us how to do parliamentary procedure. Our next meeting is still to be determined.

## Entry Deadlines and Other Dates

May 1	Project enrollment Deadline
May 10	Leader's Meeting
May 31	Horse and Sewing Entries Open
June 1	All other entries open
June 7	Livestock Supt Meeting/ Auction Committee Meeting
June 30	Horse and Sewing entries Closed
July 1	State Fair Entries Due
July 12	Sewing Judging
July 13	All entries closed
July 16	Horse Show
July 24-30	State Fair Horse Show
August 3-5	Peoria County 4-H Fair
August 11-13	Illinois State Fair Junior Show
August 13	Peoria County Day at the Illinois State Fair

## Welcome New 4-H Members!

### Edelstein Eager Beavers:

Nolan Baer  
Asher Herrmann  
Brice Herrmann  
Ivory Herrmann  
Nicole Herrmann  
Marinn Hodel  
Ellie Joos  
Emmy Joos  
Jared Kieser  
Blake Lauber  
Olivier Lauber  
Adley Mareachen  
Aubrey Mareachen  
Kinley Martin  
Jade Stoller  
Logan Stoller  
Brooklyn Wieland  
Brenna Young  
Makenzie Zielke

### Elmwood All-Stars:

Naseera Jorden  
Sitaara Jorden

### Jubilee Patriots:

Zach Bertsch  
Kevin Johnson  
Henry Manzke  
Solomon Mattern  
Elijah Sutton  
Jeneva Thomas  
Chloe Webb  
Katie Webb

### Laura Winners:

Kendall Cowser  
Milo Theobald  
Noah Vanausdall

### Midnight Riders:

Riley Eustice  
Autumn Meyers  
Sage Talkington

### Peoria Clovers:

Tori Gregory  
Katlynn Heinz  
Zoe Torres Ravelo

## Club Reports

Reporters: Make sure to get your club reports in! Send them to [kristis2@illinois.edu](mailto:kristis2@illinois.edu)! We all like to see what your clubs are up to!



## Birthday Bags

Great job Peoria County! All together, we assembled 40 Birthday bags! Way to go!

## 4-H Poultry Exhibitors

IDOA has filed for emergency rule prohibiting the sale or exhibition of poultry and poultry products at Illinois events, including fair exhibitions, to prevent the spread of avian influenza. These rules will be assessed in 45-day increments and will stay in effect for up to 150 days. This would apply to 4-H shows, live animal workshops and exhibit opportunities. If live exhibitions cannot happen, your local Extension office will provide more details regarding optional exhibition opportunities.

# FMPT Unit News



**Make a difference. Make new friends. Teach others. Have fun.**

Being part of the 4-H Teen Teacher program is a great way to make an impact on kids in your community! Come learn about the program, meet current teen teachers, and eat pizza!

### Teen Teacher Information Nights:

- Monday, May 9, 6 -7p.m.
- Peoria County Extension office
- OR
- Wednesday, May 18, 6-7p.m.
- Fulton County Extension office

**Contact 4-H Youth Development Educators to register:**

Judy Schmidt – 309.685.3140 or

[schmid7@illinois.edu](mailto:schmid7@illinois.edu)

Emily Schoenfelder – 217.300.5557 or

[eschoe@illinois.edu](mailto:eschoe@illinois.edu)



**Learn about cybersecurity through a Capture the Flag cyber competition.**

Youth entering 6th to 8th grades

[go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy](https://go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy)

Registration fee \$25. Fee waivers available

Held at Goodwill Commons, Peoria



### 4G STEM Camp | Girls + Games + Gadgets = Genius

Have you wondered what it would be like to work in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields in the Greater Peoria area? 4G STEM Camp is a weeklong day camp for girls interested in learning more about STEM careers. Join us to tour local businesses, do fun STEM activities, and make new friends! Plus, educators can register for our Teacher Track by May 5!

- June 20-24, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Bradley University, Peoria
- \$175 (Fee waivers available)
- For girls entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Learn more: [go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMcamp](https://go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMcamp)

Teacher Track: [go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMteachers](https://go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMteachers)



Are you ready to have 4-H Adventures in Nature? Every month, we'll send you nature-based activity challenges you and your family can complete together. For each month in which you complete a challenge, your family will receive a special prize to be given out at our Outdoor Adventure Fun Day on Saturday, August 27, 2022. Each month will be a different prize. Plus, you'll get a digital badge to reward your progress! Register at [go.illinois.edu/AdventuresInNature](https://go.illinois.edu/AdventuresInNature).

# News from Illinois 4-H



The U of I College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences will host ACES Family Academies on July 14-15, 2022. ACES Family Academies is a two-day learning experience for alumni to bring youth ages

8-13 to stay on campus, eat in the residence halls, and participate in interactive classes, all while learning about ACES majors, programs, and research. Cost is \$125. Registration deadline is June 3, 2022. Full Schedule found here:

[acesalumni.illinois.edu/events/aces-family-academies](https://acesalumni.illinois.edu/events/aces-family-academies)



## Crop Scouting Competition

Aug 4, 2022 - Crop Sciences Research & Education Center, 4202 South 1st St., Savoy, IL 61874

Check-in and registration start at 8 a.m. The competition starts at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 1:30 p.m.

This outdoor competition event is open to high school students completing grades 9-12 this year. They will work in teams of 2 to 5 students led by an adult coach. Coaches can be FFA advisers, agriculture teachers, seed dealers, co-op employees, and others. No more than three teams per sponsoring organization (e.g. company, school, club). Meals will be provided.

Prizes: \$500 for 1st, \$300 for 2nd, and \$150 for 3rd.

**Questions?** Contact program coordinator Chelsea Harbach at [harbach2@illinois.edu](mailto:harbach2@illinois.edu).



## State 4-H Fishing Tournaments Ready to Go!

Easy to enter, easy to win! Learn rules and how to enter here:

[4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament)

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes only for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year.

Entries just require a phone, tape measure and then upload information to: [go.illinois.edu/fish4H](https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H)

**May** – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

**June** – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

## State 4-H Events

**May**  
7

Adult Shooting sports leader certification 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

**June**  
4

Summer Sizzle Shoot Chillicothe Sportsman's Club

5-9  
12-16  
20

Memorial Camp  
Memorial Camp  
State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion

**July**

5-9  
16  
17-21  
24 – 30

Memorial Camp  
Shooting Sports Adult Certification  
Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona  
Memorial Camp  
Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

**August**

10  
12-14  
13 – 15  
27

SYPA General Livestock  
State Fair Junior Livestock Shows  
Illinois State Fair  
State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose  
K-9 Enrichment Center, Dixon

## 2022 4-H State Shoots –

**SAVE THESE DATES (but keep practicing now!)**

- Archery: Sat, Sep 17, 2022 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, Illinois
- Shotgun: Sat, Sep 24, 2022 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, Illinois
- Rifle: Sat, Oct 8, 2022 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters (CIPS), Bloomington, Illinois
- Pistol: Sun, Oct 9, 2022 at CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois



## Summer Sizzle Shoot

Join the Summer Sizzle Shoot at Chillicothe Sportsman's Club on June 4, 2022. This event is hosted by Marshall-Putnam 4-H Shooting Sports, and registration will be open until May 24, 2022. Learn more at [extension.illinois.edu/blmp/4-h-marshall-putnam-counties](https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp/4-h-marshall-putnam-counties). Our target is fun and we aim for a bullseye!



## 4-H Equity Challenge

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+. Apply by June 6. [4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application](https://4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application)



## True Leaders in Equity Institute

Empowering youth/adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership opportunity on July 11-14 in Bethesda, Maryland challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities. National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. Apply by June 6. [4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application](https://4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application)

**IT'S PAPER  
CLOVER TIME!**  
**April 27th–May 8th**

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.





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# FARM SAFETY DAY



**Friday, June 3, 2022**

**8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Fulton County Fairgrounds, Lewistown**

**Ages 6 and up**

For more information or to register:

**[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/FARMSAFETYDAY](https://go.illinois.edu/farmsafetyday)**