



4-H



NEWSLETTER

September & October 2023

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

Happy Fall Peoria County Families!

We have a lot going on this fall, so please stay up to date not only with our newsletter, but also with our bi-weekly emails! We have a lot of activities for you to participate in, and a lot of fun is to be had! Don't forget to Make Time for 4-H!

Thank you Raber Packing Co!

We would like to thank Raber Packing Co for providing the meal at the Auction. They donated the meal in memory of Caroll Whetterauer, who was a long-time friend and supporter of Peoria County 4-H! Thank you so much!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

In order to show at the Peoria County 4-H Fair, you must have attended one club meeting. Your leaders will be tracking this. Please don't forget this in the coming year! You also need to be enrolled in ZSuite before January 1 in order to show animals, and by May 1 in order to exhibit at the fair. Please remember these dates!

Check out our Window Displays!

We have Window Displays being put up all over the county! Please refer to our Facebook Posts to see where each window display will be taking place! Let us know if you do anything extra special for 4-H Week!

Future SPIN Clubs

We have some potential SPIN Clubs in the works! A Sewing and Quilting SPIN Club (starting in the late winter/early spring), Historical Reenactment Club, a Goat SPIN Club, and the Midnight Riders club will be transitioning to a Horse SPIN Club. Let us know if you are interested in any or all of these clubs!

Federation Needs YOUR Help!

Peoria County Federation is in need of some help! We are continuing our Farmer's Mental Health Project, and will be delivering gloves and snacks to farmers all across the county! If your club, or members from your club are willing to help us, please contact Kristi! We are setting a goal for the gloves to be delivered on October 14 and October 21. Thank you in advance!



Come celebrate with us!

Our Awards Celebration will be taking place on November 18, 2023! Come receive your awards and recognitions! We will release a location in the coming weeks by email!



4-H Events

October

1-8—National 4-H Week
 9—Rabbit SPIN Club
 10—General Projects Superintendents Meeting
 11—Dunlap Dynamite Meet and Greet
 12—Federation
 14—Federation Service Project
 16—Livestock Judging Kickoff
 19—New Family Welcome
 21—Federation Service Project back up
 24—Laura Winners Meet and Greet
 25—Peoria Clovers Meet and Greet
 28—Dairy SPIN Club
 28—Great Learning Garden SPIN Club

November

2—Federation Meeting
 4—Leader and Officer Training
 9—Elmwood All-Stars Meet and Greet
 13—Rabbit SPIN Club
 18—Awards Celebration
 23-24—Office Closed
 25—Dairy SPIN Club

25—Great Learning Garden SPIN Club

December

7—Federation Holiday Party
 8—Potential Federation Service Project
 11—Rabbit SPIN Club
 21-Jan 2—Office Closed

January

4—Federation
 8—Rabbit SPIN Club
 15—Office Closed
 20—First Horse SPIN Club Meeting
 27—Dairy SPIN Club
 27—Great Learning Garden
 27—Sheep SPIN club

February

1—Federation Meeting
 12—Rabbit SPIN Club
 15—Foundation Meeting
 17—Horse SPIN Club Meeting
 19—Livestock Workshop Day
 24—Dairy SPIN Club
 24—Great Learning Garden SPIN Club
 24—Sheep SPIN Club

Livestock Judging Kickoff

The Livestock Judging Team will be hosting a kickoff on October 16 at 6 p.m. It will be held at 11602 W Legion Hall Rd in Princeville. Please contact Kristi if you are interested in joining this team! They have a lot of fun! You don't have to have livestock to join, you just have to have an interest in livestock, and a high level of dedication. You also must enjoy having fun! See you there!

Throwdown

Congratulations to all of our Peoria County Exhibitors who made it to the Throwdown. You all did an excellent job and handled the day with a lot of good sportsmanship and positive attitudes. Way to set an example, Peoria County!



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THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the following people for their trophy donations! It means a lot to us, and it helps make your fair memorable! (Don't forget to send a thank you to your sponsors!)

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Federation will have elections, and will be working on their service project at Martin's on October 12 at 6 p.m.! Come and cook hotdogs and stuff gloves with us! The kickoff will be held at 20925 N Anderson Rd., Edelstein



Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Reagan Walsh for earning the title of Illinois Jersey Queen! Great Job Reagan! You make us all proud!

Club News

Elmwood All Stars

May: For old business there was a thank you note to Mrs. Kane for assisting our club prepare for the plant sale by providing seeds, material, space and knowledge for growing plants to sell. In addition our pork chop sale was quite successful despite the chilly weather. For new business we congratulated all graduating students from our club. Genevieve Jennings was recognized for winning the Show Book Cover Contest and participating in the State Public Speaking contest with a talk on apple pie. In addition we discussed our participation in Barn Yard Olympics and the Spirit Display and Canned Food Drive.

July: The July meeting was our annual project tour. Our first stop was at the Windish's house where Max showed us his pigs. Our next stop was to see Jacob's chickens and Laura's goats. We invited our club members to bring their non livestock projects and share with the club. We discussed more specifics for the fair. Following the meeting we had ice cream provided by the Stevens'

August: The August meeting pledges were led by Brenden. Roll call was called by the favorite thing you did this summer. Old business we covered barnyard Olympics in which we had a good showing considering not participating in the tug of war, the spirit display, silent auction, and the chiefs game. For new business we read a thank you note from Ivory for one of the plaques we sponsored at the county fair. There was also a reminder to fill out award paperwork and binders to be turned in by September 22. Following the meeting everyone shared how they did at the county and state fairs and watched a video highlight covering the whole year.

Edelstein Eager Beavers

March: Our last meeting was held on March 20, 2023 at Wieland's Shed. A speaker named Gretchen Gehrig came in and told us about her experience in India while she lived there. She told us what the popular religion named Hindu was and talked about how they dressed, what they wore, and other things they did in that religion. She wore a dress that some women wear in India and it was very fancy to us but was not even fancy enough for a wedding in India. She also brought in other pieces of clothing that men and women might wear. The clothing that they wore everyday seemed fancy to us and she explained that their clothes were fancy in general. She also showed us pictures of some friends and pictures of foods she liked from India. It was very interesting and I learned a lot!

April: Our last meeting was held April 24 at Ben and Hannah Martin's shed. It was project night and we made candles. Hannah Herrmann taught us how to do it and got it ready for us. The steps she told us were: 1. Pour water

into a pan or roaster and heat the water. 2. Put wax into a jar and put it into the pan or roaster. 4. Check on the wax occasionally until the wax gets heated. Then she told us the steps we were going to do tonight. 4. Stir and break apart the wax until it is a yellow liquid that is very runny. 5. Pour the wax into your jar, put the wick in, and then use something to hold that wick until the wax hardens completely. 6. Let the wax sit without burning it for two weeks to let it cure. I had a lot of fun and my candle turned out great!

Neighbor Kids Dairy SPIN Club

The Dairy SPIN Club will continue to meet on the last Saturdays of the month! Please contact Fred Rosenbohm if you are interested in joining! 309-256-6819

We are continuing our Dog Obedience SPIN Club through the fall and winter! If you would like to join, please let Kristi know, and she will get you the information! Typically, the Dog Obedience SPIN Club meets on Thursday Nights!



Way to pledge your hands to larger service!



Quinn Hellige made a big impact on the Ronald McDonald House! Please read her story:

"I am in 4-H and this summer I made bracelets and earrings for the fair. I earned a blue ribbon. I decided to sell the jewelry as a fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House. I ended up making \$66 total with a donation of \$330. I have had 2 open heart surgeries

and stayed at the Ronald McDonald House in downtown Chicago. It meant everything to my family. Before during and after surgery. Thank you for having a house here! I hope this is a blessing!"

This is an excellent example of how YOU can make a difference and impact the community around you! Great job Quinn!



New Family Welcome

Are you new to 4-H? Or are you interested in joining but want to know more? Join us at an upcoming New Family Welcome! These open-house style meetings will be held from 6 to 7:30pm at each respective Illinois Extension branch office. RSVP at <https://go.illinois.edu/NewFamilyWelcome>

- Fulton County | Thursday, October 5, 2023 | 15411 N IL 100 Highway, Lewistown, IL 61542
- Mason County | Wednesday, October 11 | 127 S High St, Havana, IL 62644
- Tazewell County | Thursday, October 12 | 1505 Valle Vista Blvd, Pekin, IL 61554
- Peoria County | Thursday, October 19 | 4810 North Sheridan Rd, Peoria, IL 61614

Club Leader & Officer Training

Are you ready to make the new 4-H Year the best ever? Join us at the Club Leader and Officer Training on November 4, 2023 from 9:30am-3:30pm in Pekin. All adult club leaders and youth officers (and those interested in becoming a leader or officer) are invited to join us! Get tips and tricks about your position! Learn from other volunteers! Take home new activities, fresh ideas, and great resources! Registration coming soon.



We have a NEW SPIN Club in Town! The Rabbit SPIN Club will meet on the second Monday of each month at the Kickapoo Township Hall starting in October. You do not have to have a rabbit to join!



Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference 2023

Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun-filled event which provides junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th grades) a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H projects and leadership, such as communication, decision making, and teamwork while engaging in hands-on activities. Conference will take place Nov. 4-5, 2023 in Decatur, IL.

Find more info and register by October 13 at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/leadership-conferences/junior-leadership-conference>

SEPTEMBER IS

HUNGER ACTION MONTH!

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In 4-H, we do a lot that focuses on food...growing it, cooking it, budgeting for it, etc. For some of our neighbors, having access to healthy food is a challenge. During the month of September, Illinois Extension joins organizations across the nation to bring awareness and help close the gap to food insecurity. Would you join us in the Hunger Action Month! There are lots of ways to get involved, like hunger walks, food drives, and more! Find out more at <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2023-09-01-hunger-action-month>.



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We're going digital!

Thank you for your interest in staying informed about all the great things that 4-H is doing in Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties! As you may know, the Illinois 4-H State Office has begun sending information about state and national 4-H opportunities directly to you via email. Due to this change, and our desire to pass along timely and relevant local 4-H info, we've decided to switch our paper newsletters to an Eblast (email newsletter) format beginning in January 2024.

However, we want to be sure that you can still receive 4-H info in a format accessible for you. If you would like us to print the Eblast and mail you monthly hardcopies, please submit your contact info and mailing address at the link below. Additionally, if you are not currently receiving the biweekly 4-H Happenings Eblast, or you would like to add an additional email address to the Eblast list, you can provide that info as well.

Thank you so much for your time and understanding!

