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Welcome New Members!

Dunlap Dynamite Celeste Collins Raina Halford Makaia Minton Henry Seymour Lillian Youssef

Limestone Leaders Aiden Shelby Oliver Shelby

Kickapoo Kickers

Elea Riney

James Rinev

Dunlap Dynamite Limestone Leaders Anne Seymour

Cloverbuds Elias Shelby Edelstein Eager Mary Ann Strack

Addilyn Bell Elmwood All-**Stars Cloverbuds**

Sadie Scott

Beavers



Peoria County 4-H April, May and June 2024



HAPPY ALMOST FAIR SEASON!

And what an exciting fair season it will be! I am really looking forward to seeing what you all have come up with for your projects! It's been a great year so far, and I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at the 4-H Fair! It will be a fun and exciting time! Keep up the good work, and let me know if you need any help!



Prepare for the 4-H Fair!

Save the date for the upcoming "Prepare for the 4-H Fair" workshop! Learn tips & tricks on how to be successful at the 4-H Shows and Fairs this summer. Great for new and returning families alike! Participants will get Fair Entry basics, learn 4-H jargon, hear tips on having a great judging experience, and more! Adults and youth will have joint and separate sessions to get the info most relevant to them. This workshop will be held at University of Illinois branch office in Peoria county. For questions or more information, please contact Kristi. We hope to see you there! Peoria County's Prepare for the 4-H Fair will be held Thursday, June 13, 2024. To RSVP, please follow this link: https://forms.gle/2QU2GaJYLFfSzrRT6

The 4-H Fair will be held July 10-12, 2024 at Exposition Gardens. We are really looking forward to the fair this year and hope you are too!

Scholarship Season!

Scholarship Applications must be postmarked by June 15. Some Scholarships that you might be interested in are:

Jason Coulter Memorial Award

(https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/ 2023-05/jason coulter memorial award.pdf) Available to current Peoria County 4-H members who are 15-18 years of age, are currently enrolled in 4-H, and the beef project for at least three years.

Bob Forney Memorial Award

(https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/ 2023-05/bob_forney_memorial_award.pdf) Available to current Peoria County 4-H members who are 10-18 years of age, and are currently enrolled in 4-H and the poultry project.

Doris Schoenbein Award

(https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-peoriacounty scroll down to the bottom of the page and select the "Resources" Drop down) Sponsored for older 4-H members and 4-H Alumni (ages 17 – 21). The purpose is to reward youth for exhibiting outstanding leadership & citizenship /community service participation during their 4-H involvement.

The Leadership Scholarship

(https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-peoriacounty scroll down to the bottom of the page and select the "Resources" Drop down) Available to current 4-H members who are high school seniors or 4-H Alumni that are currently in an approved post-high school educational program (Junior College, 4-year University, Trade School, etc.). Members must have been enrolled in the 4-H program a minimum of five years.

extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-peoria-county | 309-685-3140 | kristis2@illinois.edu

Attendance Reminder

According to the Illinois 4-H Management Handbook, "A youth who enrolls in a 4-H Club experience must attend at least one meeting to be called a 4-H club member. Youth that do not comply are not eligible to take part in 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums, or other 4-H awards and recognitions that are available to 4-H club members." With that being said, your leaders will be tracking your attendance. Please, if you would like to show at the 4-H fair, you need to attend at least 1 meeting. According to the same handbook, independent members must have an adult mentor to give guidance to the member's 4-H project work, and should be enrolled in ZSuite as a volunteer. I wanted to make sure that both of these rules are noted for this year. These are important rules that must be followed.

YQCA

If you are planning on showing Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep or Swine, you MUST complete your YQCA Certification. This is a STATE rule. If you do not complete this Certification, you will NOT be eligible to show at the 4-H fair. For more information on how to complete your YQCA training, see the "Livestock Workshop Day" section of this newsletter.



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 Rachel VanCleve

4-H Program Coordinator, Fulton County Joli Pierson

4-H Program Coordinator, Mason County Kristi Smith

4-H Program Coordinator, Peoria County Lynda Sharp-Lower

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

Federation Project Help Hotline is open for business!

Are you having issues figuring out your project? Maybe you want advice on how to make your project great! Look no further! The Peoria County 4-H Federation is becoming a special task force this summer! Some of these members are very excited to be your very own Project Help Hotline! They are happy to answer your questions on most projects, and are happy to help! They are also planning on hosting open office hours - this will be where you can bring your project in to ask them questions, or ask them for advice! They are looking forward to meeting you! Below, I am sharing each member's contact information, as well as the projects that they specialize in! Make sure to utilize their help! They are really great!

Trey Ehnle

<u>treylehnle10@gmail.com;</u> 309-854-3880 Projects: Visual Arts – Wood, Woodworking

Serenity Martin

serenitymartin818@gmail.com; 309-868-9163 Projects: Communications, Journalism & Creative Writing, Cooking & Foods, Vegetable Gardening & Floriculture, Visual Arts – Chalk, Carbon, Pigment, Clay and Food Decorating.

Bethany Stahl

<u>bethanystahl2008@gmail.com</u> Projects: Visual Arts – 3D, Chalk, Carbon, Pigment, Fiber, Nature, Paper and Wood

Alaythea Yess

<u>alaytheayess08@gmail.com</u> Projects: Communications, Journalism & Creative Writing, Journalism & Creative Writing, Photography & Video, Visual Arts – Fiber, Heritage Arts and Paper, as well as Dogs

Avigail Yess

avigailyess10@gmail.com

Projects : Photography & Video, Visual Arts – 3D and Leather

Emma Ziegler

emmaziegler119@gmail.com; 309-278-7123 Projects: Animal Science, Small Pets & Vet Science, Clothing & Shopping in Style, Visual Arts – Fiber and Quilting, and Sheep

Of course, you can always reach out to the office if you have any questions! I will send out the dates that these Federation members will be in the office, where you will be able to visit, or even call in! We are looking forward to seeing you!

Fair Entry Deadline

Don't miss out on getting your entries in for the 4-H Fair! You will need to do so through FairEntry so that we know what you are bringing, and then we can get you your tags! Horse Entries are due Wednesday, May 22, all other entries are due Thursday, June 13. Please let Kristi know if you have any questions! The link for FairEntry is: <u>https://fairentry.com/Fair/Signln/19729</u> Please let us know if you have any questions!



Green Communities Project

We were proud to once again participate in the Green Communities Project! Thank you to all who came to participate! We hope to continue to do this project again! Look out for more information next spring!

4-H Teen Teachers

Are you a high-schooler looking to unleash your leadership potential, make lifelong friends, and leave a positive mark on your community? If you answered 'YES!' to any of these questions, then 4-H Teen Teachers is the perfect opportunity for you!

As a 4-H Teen Teacher, you'll embark on a journey of personal and professional growth. Gain valuable leadership skills, build confidence, and earn community service hours that will shine on your resume. Our dynamic program offers a unique opportunity to lead fun, hand-on activities for kids.

Summer Training Dates: June 3 - 6, 12-4:00pm Learn more or Apply now here: <u>https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/teens-</u> <u>teachers-program</u>

Poultry Testing Day

If you are showing Poultry this year you must have your animals (excluding waterfowl) tested for Pullorum Typhoid. Our county is offering one free chance to get your poultry tested. It will be Saturday July 6th. If you are signed up for a poultry project, you will receive additional reminders for this. To sign up for a time slot, please check this google doc: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1g7OW TvhfNQTUJ_kyC39bu1MzeJvNJqTphoOp86ro1H 8/edit?usp=sharing

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STEM Academy

Dive into the world of cutting edge technology while exploring virtual and augmented reality at our STEM Academy! If you are into gaming, tech, or just creating cool stuff, this academy is for you! Learn from industry professionals to develop your own mixed reality projects. Don't just play the game-change the game! Open to all youth ages 14-16. Dates: July 15-19, 2024 Time: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Location: Goodwill Commons, 2319 E War Memorial Dr, Peoria, IL 61614 Cost: \$25 Register Here: <u>https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/2</u>

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Candy Making Workshop

The Candy Making Workshop will be held Wednesday, June 12 at the University of Illinois Extension office in Peoria, IL! The class will be held at 6 PM. Come learn about Fudge and Divinity! The cost of the class will be \$5 to cover supplies. Sign up here:

https://forms.gle/upPrMMxri1JFiDeC7

Federation Messy Games

If you are looking for a fun introduction to Federation, join us for Messy Games! Messy Games will take place at Jubilee College State Park at one of the pavilions. We will meet at 6 PM on Thursday, June 6th and will then get messy! Please do not dress to impress, as I am anticipating a very high level of messes!

Pheasants Forever Trapshoot

Pheasants Forever is hosting a Trapshoot every Monday night in June starting at 4:30! We are invited to join in. Pheasants Forever is an excellent supporter of 4-H, and they invite us to these shoots every year! The trapshoots are held at the Chillicothe Sportsmans Club. The dates will be June 3, 10, 17 and 24. There is a cost of \$5 per night, which pays for the cost of the clays. You can Sign up here:

<u>https://forms.gle/PoiNJ5kPhBiasoo4A</u> If you have any questions, Mike Aldridge would be happy to answer them! His phone number is 309-229-4090.

Quilting Workshop Part 2

Part 2 of the Quilting workshop will be held Wednesday, June 19 at the Peoria Extension office starting at 6 PM. Please let Kristi know if you were unable to make the first one, but still want to attend the second one!

Livestock Judging Team has big

Successes!

The Livestock Judging Team has had a great run this season! They have been working their tails off to prepare for a busy contest season! I try not to brag on them too much, but they have really had an extremely successful spring! Contest Results:

ILLINOIS BEEF EXPO

February 23, 2024 Team Members: Lane Kocher, Aleah Martin, Brady Martin, Kinley Martin, Ty McFarland 1st Overall Team Lane Kocher – 7th in the Skillathon Brady Martin – 1st Ty McFarland – 10TH

DAN HOGE INVITATIONAL (BHE Contest)

March 2, 2024 Team Members: Lane Kocher, Ty McFarland Proud new owners of a pair of bagpipes Lane Kocher – 9th in Cattle Ty McFarland – 6th in Questions

LAKELAND INVITATIONAL

March 16, 2024

Team Members: Lane Kocher, Aleah Martin, Brady Martin, Kinley Martin, Ty McFarland Aleah Martin – 1st Dutch Blitz 1st Team at Yoder's Kitchen

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

CONTEST

March 23, 2024 Team Members: Lane Kocher, Brady Martin, Kinley Martin, Ty McFarland 6th Overall Team 5th Team in Cattle 2nd Team in Questions 9th Team in Sheep and Goats Lane Kocher – 6th Cattle Kinley Martin – 1st Piggy Piggy Ty McFarland – 2nd Overall, 1st Questions, 1st Sheep and Goats

JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE CONTEST

April 6, 2024

Team Members: Lane Kocher, Aleah Martin, Brady Martin, Kinley Martin, Ty McFarland 9th Team in Beef, 9th Team in Questions, Tried to survive the Poland Market Hogs Ty McFarland – 9th Overall, 5th Beef, 1st Questions

LINCOLN LAND CONTEST

April 11, 2024 Team Members: Aleah Martin, Brady Martin, Kinley Martin, Ty McFarland, Ayla Menold 11th Team Ty McFarland – 9th

ILLINOIS CENTRAL COLLEGE CONTEST April 13, 2024

Team Members: Lane Kocher, Aleah Martin, Brady Martin, Kinley Martin, Ashlynn McFarland, Brinnley McFarland, Ty McFarland, Ayla Menold, Gage Menold, Reagan Walsh, Rylie Walsh Junior Team – 9th Overall, 11th Sheep and Goats, 8th Swine

Senior Team – 7th Swine

Brady Martin – 1st in Swine, 4th in Questions **Each year**, the scores from all of the Junior College Contests are compiled to come up with an Overall "All-Illinois Sweepstakes". Kids from all over the country compete for this honor. We are fortunate enough to live in the state of Illinois and not have to travel very far for most of our contests! The Top 25 are announced after the last Illinois Junior College Contest online.

ALL ILLINOIS

Spring, 2024

Kinley Martin – 25th in the Junior Division Ty McFarland – 6th in the Junior Division To say that I am incredibly proud of this team would be an understatement. Please wish us luck at the State Contest in June!

Early Judging

If you have a conflict with the 4-H Fair, you are welcome to get your projects judged early! Please contact Kristi to set up a time to be judged early! Only General projects can be judged early.

4-H Fair Set Up

The set up day for the 4-H Fair is once again scheduled for Monday, July 8th at Exposition Gardens! We will start setting up the General projects at 9 am, and will provide lunch. We will start Livestock set up at 5 PM, and we will provide food for that as well.

Auction Forms

Auction Forms are due June 15. Please respect this deadline. The Auction Committee will NOT be accepting late forms this year! The Auction form can be found in the showbook!

Cloverbud Graduation

Hello Cloverbud parents! If your child will be leaving the Cloverbud program after this year, and moving up into "regular 4-H", we would LOVE to recognize them at the 4-H Fair! We will be recognizing them on Wednesday, July 10 at the fair at 5 PM! Please fill out this form <u>https://forms.gle/sETkqym3ZziY6eac8</u>

Want a hardcopy of the newsletter?

Email Kristi at <u>kristis2@illinois.edu</u>

2024 Graduates! Let's Celebrate!

Class of 2024, we are looking for YOU! Please fill out this form so that you can be recognized at the 4-H Fair this year on Wednesday, July 10 at 5 PM! <u>https://forms.gle/Lftfd7hEmazPviWb9</u>

Junior Superintendents

Serving as a Junior Superintendent is one of the most rewarding experiences as an older 4-H member! You get to see the behind the scenes experiences, work hand-in-hand with our amazing volunteers, and earn volunteer hours! In order to be a Junior Superintendent, we would prefer that you would be 13 or older. There are a lot of options for being a Junior Superintendent! Please sign up here: https://forms.gle/Q5XnVw9w3VBX6K2c6

Future New 4-H Alumni

Is this your last year in 4-H? We would like to honor you at the 4-H Fair on the Thursday night of the 4-H Fair at 5 PM. We will be doing a lot of celebrating on this evening! Please fill out this form so that we can recognize you: <u>https://forms.gle/Lu1xC6XurhNkF9Nw7</u>

Ready to Sing?

Calling all talented singers! If you are interested in singing the National Anthem at the Peoria County 4-H Fair before the Barnyard Olympics, please fill out this form: <u>https://forms.gle/qcRvju677Vcdb3fr6</u>

Thank you Pauli Family!

We were saddened to hear of the loss of Harold Pauli. We have been thinking about the Pauli family in their time of grief. Harold's family has graciously donated money to the 4-H program in Peoria County! Because of the Pauli Family, we will have ICE CREAM at the Pizza party at the 4-H Fair! If you see their family, make sure to say thank you!

Master Showmanship

Master Showmanship will once again be held at the Peoria County 4-H Fair on July 12, 2024! Sign up here: https://forms.gle/d1EeEoRFGtfvLAxU9

Thank you to the NRA!

The NRA has awarded Peoria County 4-H's Archery program with a grant!!! We were provided with new bows, new arrows, AND some bow cases! THANK YOU NRA!

Missing out on the 4-H Happenings?

Subscribe here: <u>https://go.illinois.edu/4-</u> <u>HNewsletter</u>

Showmanship Adventure

The Peoria County 4-H Showmanship Adventure will be held on Thursday, July 11 – Friday, July 12 after each species' Challenge Showmanship Class. We start the adventure on Thursday, July 11 at 9:00 a.m. with rabbits. Showmanship is usually the last classes of each species. It will be evaluated by the Rabbit, Poultry and Goat judges.

If you would like to sign up for this fun new contest, please sign up here: https://forms.gle/X8Fgf6kLfMm4sZzq5

Let's (Pizza) Party!

The Auction Committee will once again be hosting the pizza party during the Share the Fun Skit contest! Please let us know if you would like to join us!

https://forms.gle/4YRAcU6HP26RwneM8

Fulton County Food Stand

Fulton County's Food Stand is in need of helpers! The Fulton County Fair is held July 22 through 27 in Lewistown, IL. If you would like to serve for a shift or two, please let me know! The Fulton County Food Stand helps to support our Federation.

Showbook

You can find the showbook link here: <u>https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/</u> peoria_county_4-h_showbook_2024.pdf

Hunters Safety Course

Pheasants Forever is also hosting a Hunters Safety Course in July. The class will be hosted at St. Marys of the Woods Fellowship Hall in Princeville (407 S Walnut St). The classes will be held July 25 and 26 from 5 to 10 PM. A meal will be served. In order to participate, you must attend both nights, and be at least 9 years old as of December 31, 2024. Contact Mike Aldridge with questions: 309-229-4090.

https://forms.gle/7NB97a48NqP2RtCP6

Farm Safety Day

This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, Lewistown.

Youth ages 6 and older are invited to register for our annual Farm Safety Day. Participants attend activity stations and learn about a variety of important safety lessons: Fire, Livestock, ATV, Weather, Poisonous Plants, Cyber, and Electricity.

Register Here:

https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/f arm-safety-day-2024

Horse Show Date

The Peoria County 4-H Horse Show will take place Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Greyhorse Farm in Brimfield! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Trophy Sponsor Opportunity

If you would like to sponsor a trophy this year, letters should be coming out around the end of February! But if you would like to skip that step and jump to the front of the line, you can send me an email (<u>kristis2@illinois.edu</u>). Trophy sponsorship costs \$30 per trophy!

Dog Obedience SPIN Club

The Dog Obedience SPIN Club is FULL! If you are interested in showing a dog this summer, you still need to attend some Obedience classes. There are counties around us that offer these classes, and you would still be able to show at the Peoria County show. If you would like to be put on a waiting list for Peoria County, please contact myself, or instructor Teena Roth at: <u>filly7373@aol.com</u>.

Archery SPIN Club

Archery SPIN will be back in the fall!

Golden Pitchfork

It is that time of year again! If you are showing livestock, please make sure to sign up for the Golden Pitchfork Competition! The link to sign up is here:

<u>https://forms.gle/WVHhu8LYZedN8xXQ8</u> The rules for the Golden Pitchfork are on the sign up sheet, as well as in the showbook!

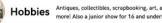


Entry Deadline: July 1st Entry Fee: \$1.00 per lot Bring your best creations to the 75th Annual Heart of Illinois Fair! More information at heartofillinoisfair.com!

Foods Cookies, candies, breads, pies, summer salads, casseroles, and more







Photography Black & white photos, colored photos, themed photos, and more!



Garden Ag & Fruits, vegetables, flowers, flower arrangements, and morel Garden Ag also has a junior show for 2024 high school grads and younger

Club News!

Thank you for sending in your reports! Please continue to send them in to see them in this quarterly newsletter!

Dunlap Dynamite

February

Today, our vice president stepped in for our president. She called the meeting to order, and we talked about our service projects and project registration. Then, we made birthday bags for the food bank.

April

We started our first talks and demonstrations! Alice brought her cat and talked about its five senses. We also spoke about presentation etiquette and our service project where we picked up trash on the Rock Island Trail. Then we got to know each other a little better while playing a game and we had a delicious snack. Respectfully submitted, Natalie Smith

Edelstein Eager Beavers

Edelstein Eager Beavers 2/26/24At this meeting, we presented our presentations that we worked on before that meeting.

Edelstein Eager Beavers 3/22/24We didn't have a meeting this month, so we had a fun night at Elevate and had pizza afterwards at Rheo. Reported by Jade Stoller, Edelstein Eager Beavers

Prepare for Lift Off!

Register now for Prepare for Lift Off! This free workshop is fantastic for anyone ages 8-18 who is interested in learning more about exhibiting rockets in the 4-H Show & Jr. Fair. Not only will you be learning about exhibiting rockets from one of the Tazewell 4-H Show judges, Michael Rodman, but he will also cover measures that will keep you safe and those around you during blast off. Parents are welcome to enjoy this workshop as well and ask any questions they may have about their child exhibiting rockets in 4-H. For more info, please email Abbie (abbiep@illinois.edu) or Lynda (Irsl1@illinois.edu) or call the Tazewell branch office at 309-347-6614. Thursday, June 6 | 6 PM | U of I Extension office, Pekin Register here: https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/p repare-for-lift-off-aerospace-4-h-workshop

Marty's Concessions

Marty's concessions will again be joining us at the 4-H Fair! Please make sure to stop by and give them your business! We sure appreciate them being at the fair again this year!

Elmwood All-Stars

Date: February 18, 2024; Time: 6:13 pm; Pledges led by Brenden Piper; Roll call by Brenden Piper Treasurer's report by Anna

The Elmwood All-Stars 4-H Club convened on February 18, 2024, at 6:13 pm. The meeting began with pledges led by Brenden Piper, setting a patriotic tone. Roll call was conducted by Brenden Piper to record attendance, ensuring that all members were accounted for. Anna then presented the treasurer's report, providing an overview of the club's financial status. The club revisited old business, with a focus on members attending the Spoon River College Clover Clinic. Participants shared their experiences and insights from the clinic, fostering knowledge exchange within the club. Several important topics were discussed under new business. The Federation's community service project was deliberated upon, with members expressing their interest and willingness to participate. Spring cleaning initiatives were introduced, emphasizing the importance of community engagement. A significant part of the meeting was dedicated to planning for the upcoming 4-H Fair scheduled for July 10-12. Members were informed about the responsibilities associated with setting up the event and the club's commitment to sponsor four trophies. Volunteers were sought for assistance in organizing the fair, and it was highlighted that collective effort is crucial for the success of this event.

The meeting concluded with a club bonding game, promoting camaraderie and teamwork among the members. This interactive session helped strengthen the sense of community within the Elmwood All-Stars 4-H Club. Members interested in participating in the Federation's community service project and spring cleaning initiatives are encouraged to sign up.

Volunteers for the 4-H Fair setup are requested to coordinate with the designated committee. Further details and updates will be shared through club communication channels. The Elmwood All-Stars 4-H Club remains committed to fostering personal growth, community engagement, and collaboration among its members. The positive atmosphere and productive discussions during the meeting reflect the dedication and enthusiasm of the club's members. Respectfully submitted, Brenden Piper Secretary, Elmwood All-Stars 4-H Club Date: March 17th, 2024; Time: 6:00 PM The meeting commenced with pledges led by Daniel, embodying the spirit of camaraderie and commitment to the principles of 4-H. Roll call was conducted with a twist, where members were asked to name a green food they enjoy eating. This fun activity added a lively touch to the meeting.

Old Business: Combining Clubs with Jubilee Patriots: Due to the dwindling number of members in our club, it was proposed and unanimously agreed upon to merge with Jubilee Patriots. The combined club meetings will take place at 6:00 PM on the 3rd Sunday of each month, ensuring better participation and synergy between members.

Discussion on New Business: Federation News Update: Jacob Gilles provided an update on the recent Federation meeting. It was noted as a smaller gathering focused primarily on their volunteer project. Members were encouraged to stay informed and participate actively in Federation initiatives. Interested members were informed that the group meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Kickapoo Township Hall. Participation is open to individuals over 13 years old.

Brenden Piper delivered a speech on TIG welding, sharing knowledge and experiences with fellow members. His presentation shed light on this important skill and its relevance in various fields.

The meeting concluded with a club-building activity, fostering teamwork and creativity among members. This activity aimed to strengthen bonds within the club and encourage collaboration on future endeavors.

Upcoming SPIN Club Meetings

The next meeting of the **Beef Buddies SPIN** Club is Saturday, June 1st at the Lillie M Evans Library in Princeville at 2 PM!

The final meeting of the **Goat SPIN Club** will be held on Monday, June 10 at 6 PM in the Kickapoo Township Hall parking lot!

The **Learning Garden SPIN Club** hosts work days on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Wildlife Prairie Park! It is a rewarding experience! Please join them! Contact May at

may.bach23455@yahoo.com

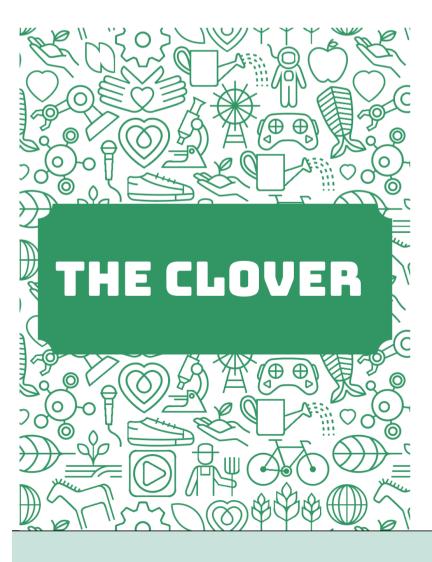
The **Midnight Riders Horse SPIN Club** is continuing to meet! Please contact Peggy if you would like to join! <u>Hekpak01@comcast.net</u> The next **Rabbit SPIN Club** meeting will be Monday, June 10th at 6 PM at the Kickapoo Township Hall!

The **Sheep SPIN Club** is continuing to meet. If you would like to join, please contact Sarah at <u>slueschow@dunlapcusd.net</u>



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