



February 2021

Peoria Clover News

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

Dear 4-H Families,

I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful winter season. I know with the cold weather it's hard to believe, but the 2021 4-H Show is only five months away and will be here before we know it! If you haven't started on your 4-H projects yet now might be a good time to start. If you haven't already enrolled please go to the new 4-H Online 2.0 to enroll. Tips for the new website are included in this newsletter. Also, enclosed in this newsletter is important information on several upcoming events, meetings and activities. Please take time to read through the newsletter so you don't miss out on any fun opportunities.

Sincerely,

Cathy Ludolph
Extension Program Coordinator
4-H Youth Development

4-H Enrollments

Check with the Extension office to make sure you are enrolled in the right projects.

May 1, 2021 is the deadline for making changes (except for those livestock projects that had a January deadline). Young persons may join 4-H at any time of year, but to exhibit at the 4-H show they must be enrolled at the county Extension office by May 1 of each year.

To be a 4-H member in the 2020-2021 year, youth must be at least 8, and not more than 18 as of September 1, 2020. Cloverbuds must be at least age 5 by September 1, 2020.

Birthday Bag

Community Service Project



During the month of February 4-H members in Peoria County are invited to make the 4-H Pledge come alive by creating and donating Birthday Bags. All of the "Birthday Bags" collected will be delivered to local food pantries in Peoria County. Due to the covid-19 situation our local food pantries are busier than ever and items for birthdays such as a cake mix, etc. are generally not the typical food item available at a food pantry so your donation of a 'Birthday Bag' could make a huge difference for a child's birthday.

Please drop off all assembled "Birthday Bags" by March 5 at the Peoria Extension office. Items to include in the bags include:

- Box of Cake Mix
- Canned Frosting
- Birthday Candles
- Birthday Card
- Small (inexpensive) Gift (Please indicate on the outside of the bag the sex and age of child the gift is for- don't forget teenagers like birthday gifts too).

♥ HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY ♥

Local 4-H EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 2 4-H SPARK Camp - Spring Garland - 6:30 pm via zoom- Kit pick up starting on Jan 28
- 4 4-H SPARK Camp - Butter & Ooblek & Slime! Oh My! - 6:30pm via zoom- Kit pick up starting on Jan 28
- 6 Beef Weigh-in & Tattooing, 11 am at Stark County Fairgrounds (Cancelled-Now Feb 13)
- 8 4-H SPARK Camp - Ink Making - 6:30pm via zoom - Kit pick up starting on Feb 3
- 9 4-H SPARK Camp - Oh, So Sweet! Love Bug Cupcakes - 6:30pm via zoom- Kit pick up starting on Feb 3
- 12 Federation Meeting, 6:30 pm via zoom
- 15 4-H SPARK Camp - Virtual Electric Grid - 6:30pm via zoom- No kit needed
- 18 4-H SPARK Camp - At Home Chemistry - 6:30 pm via zoom- Kit pick up starting on Feb 15
- 20 4-H SPARK Camp - Pet Care - 10 am via zoom No kit needed
- 23 4-H SPARK Camp - Up Cycle T-shirts - 6:30 pm via zoom - Kit pick up starting on Feb 15

MARCH

- 9 Federation Meeting, 6:30 pm via zoom
- 23 Livestock Superintendent Meeting, 7 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall
- 23 Auction Committee Meeting, 7:45 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall

Secretaries & Treasurers

4-H Secretary and Treasurer Books are available online and in a writable format. If you need a printed copy, contact the Extension office at 685-3140. The link is: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/meeting-resources>.

4-H Show Book Cover Design Contest



Calling all artists, graphic designers and photographers!

We would like you to create a cover for the new 2021 4-H Show book. Designs can be drawn by hand or designed on the computer. You are welcome to incorporate original photographs or clipart into your design. Copyrighted work is not allowed.

If you would like to use the 4-H logo, please contact the Extension Office to receive an official electronic copy.

Information that must appear on the cover:

- *Peoria County 4-H Show Book
- *July 28, 29 & 30, 2021
- *Exposition Gardens, Peoria, IL

Contact the Extension Office for information about basic design principles. Designs are due to the Extension Office by March 1, 2021.

Just so you know

- The 2021 Peoria County 4-H Show is July 28, 29 & 30 at Exposition Gardens
- Peoria County 4-H Horse Show is Saturday, July 17 at the Heart of IL Horse Arena on Galena Road, Peoria
- Illinois State Fair will run August 12-22.
- Peoria County day at State Fair will be Friday, August 13
- Other dates will be shared when available.

Check out our Peoria 4-H website at:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-peoria-county>
and our new unit website at:
<https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-youth-development>



4-H Meetings

As this newsletter is going to print, we can now meet face to face in small groups of 10 or via Zoom or another virtual platform. 4-H Leaders will be notified when we can get back to in-person meetings in larger groups and the numbers allowed when we do.

Guest Speaker Opportunity!

Are you looking for new activities for your virtual club meeting? Bring in a guest speaker! Matthew Hagaman, with the Center for Math, Science, & Technology at ISU, would love to give a crop science demonstration at your next meeting. Your members can get a look inside a real research lab and learn about cutting edge crop sciences happening in Illinois right now! If you're interested, you can fill a [1-minute interest form](#) - or let Emily know at eschoe@illinois or (217) 300-5557 and she'll help coordinate the visit.

4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment. Stay tuned for more information. Camp Website: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp>

Invite a friend to join 4-H



VIRTUAL SHOOT

Congratulations Peoria County 4-H Shooting Sports Members!

Results of the first annual Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports Virtual Shoot are now posted on the Illinois 4-H events website at: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HVirtualShootResults2020>

Over 420 scores were posted and ribbons have been mailed to the top ten winners in shotgun; air rifle; compound archery; and recurve archery.

Peoria County 4-H was well represented in the contest by **Brianna Hayes** from the Jubilee Patriots who placed 4th in the compound bow senior division and **Alexa Salverson** from the Elmwood All-Stars who placed 5th in the compound bow senior division. **AWESOME!**



4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Current Extension Hours

The Peoria County Extension office is minimally staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed 12-1). However, we are not open to the public because of COVID concerns. We are happy to provide you with curbside service, but please email Julann at jschiere@illinois.edu before hand to prepare your items/materials. Give us a call when you are in the parking lot for a pick up or drop off; (309) 685-3140.

Get the latest news on the Peoria County 4-H Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/peoriacounty4h>



States 4-H International Exchange

Host an international student: Host a Japanese youth this summer through 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too!

SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made

Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

Travel abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact us by email:

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<https://www.facebook.com/illinoisstates4hexchange/> Instagram



Tell Your 4-H Story – Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H!* Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>.
Registration will close March 4.





**Coming Spring
2021
Dog Obedience
Training SPIN Club**

You and your best friend

In this fun and exciting *Special Interest* group you will gain knowledge on the fundamentals of showing your dog with hands-on experience. You will also become skilled at recognizing the important relationship between you the handler and your dog . When attending the first meeting 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. Open to all youth age 8-18.

This group will meet once a week starting in late spring @ Peoria Obedience Training Center, 4115 Main St. in Pottstown. Watch future newsletters for more information.

Information to make your new year sparkle

Check out the 2020-2021 Project Guide. County offices have the publication, or you can download it @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>.

In addition to projects, you can see events, contests, conferences, and leadership opportunities in the areas you are studying! There are a couple of new project areas, so be sure to take a look at all your options.

Cloverbuds should select Cloverbud as their project. Cloverbud leaders will be able to special order resources to assist with Cloverbud club meetings and project learning.



The Great Learning Garden 4-H SPIN Club

You are invited to create beautiful garden artwork, experience new and interesting gardening methods, make new friends, and grow plant foods to feed the animals. The next meeting date is Saturday, February 27, 2020 at 1 pm via zoom. To obtain the zoom link to join the meeting please contact the U of I Extension Peoria office at 685-3140.

For more information about the Garden SPIN club contact Leader May Bach, U of I Extension Master Gardener and Master Naturalist at (309) 397-5008 or send email to may.bach23455@yahoo.com or contact the U of I Extension Peoria office at 685-3140.



Club Reporters

We love to hear what your club and its member are doing even during this challenging time. Please let us know how your club is adapting and if you are having virtual meetings. If not, that is ok, let us know if you have any members that are doing something creative , out of the ordinary or extra to help others. Submit your club meeting or other information to Cathy at ludolph@illinois.edu so we can highlight your club or members activities in the monthly newsletter.





ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week! Register now for this upcoming **Volunteer Training – Leading in a Virtual World!**

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23034>

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation – Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot? Let's Play!

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation – Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go! Summer Fun!

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Don't forget – all 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug! We have had great participation so far and if you have already attended at least one session, you are on your way to receiving your Café Conversation mug!

4-H CLUB NEWS

FEDERATION

The January 12 meeting of the Peoria County 4-H Federation began at 6:30pm led by President Silas Mattern. Pledges were said, and Roll call was taken with the topic of, "Favorite Christmas Gift." The Secretary and Treasurers reports were then given and approved as read/filed for audit. Club reports were given by Jubilee Patriots, Elmwood All-Stars, and Neighbor Kids. A report regarding the Garden SPIN club was also discussed.

In Old Business the club discussed volunteering at the Midwest Food Bank tentatively in June or July. We also discussed our 4-H Buddy program, which provides Federation members the opportunity to connect with 4-H members through a picture. Last in Old Business, there was further discussion about a memorial gift that would be given to Mrs. Forney and family, along with a card.

In New Business, virtual workshops were discussed giving 4-H members a safe way to interact with other members through Zoom. A community service opportunity was also presented regarding setting up and tearing down pens in March and April at Expo Gardens for upcoming shows. There was discussion about the Peoria County 4-H Show and the State Fair both planning to be in person. The last item in New Business was Birthday Bags for local food pantries, where we plan to give 20 bags. The January Federation meeting was then adjourned by President Silas Mattern, and our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30pm on Zoom. Any 4-H member that is 13 years of age or older is welcome to join. We hope to see you there!
Respectfully Submitted, Laura Stevens

ELMWOOD ALL-STARS

The Elmwood All-Stars held a meeting on Sunday, December 20th, 2020 through zoom. The meeting was called to order by President Laura Stevens and pledges were led by Cloe. Roll call was taken by Laura. The Secretary's report was approved as read and the Treasurer's report will be filed for audit. In Old Business our club talked about re-enrolling online and donating to an area backpacking program. Moving into New Business, we started off with thank you notes. Our club received thank you notes from 4-H members for sponsoring plaques and from the Farmington High School FFA for donating to their backpacking program. Laura then gave a Federation News Update and we went over the Clover News with topics such as: Shooting Sports Update, 4-H Spark Camps, and Enrollment Deadlines

WELCOME NEW 4-H MEMBERS

Peoria Clovers

Riley Reusch

Laura Winners

Tenley Catton

for production animals and all other projects. Moving on, we recognized December birthdays and did a binder update. The meeting was then adjourned. Our next meeting will be January 17, at 6pm. Our club then played a Christmas gift guessing game.

Submitted by Jacob Gilles

ELMWOOD ALL-STARS

The Elmwood All-Stars held a meeting on Sunday, January 17, 2021 through zoom. The meeting was called to order by President Laura Stevens and roll call was taken by Secretary Avery with the topic of "What you are looking forward to in 2021". The Secretary's report was approved as read and the Treasurer's report will be filed for audit. In Old Business our club talked about Re-enrolling online. Moving into New Business, we started off with a Federation News Update given by Annemarie. Next we got a shooting sports update. Congratulations to Alexa for placing 4th in the state competition for Shooting Sports! Our club then went over the Clover News with topics such as: 4-H Spark Camps, 4-H Show Book Cover Design Contest, Peoria County 4-H show dates at Expo Gardens, and the date for Peoria County day at the state fair. Moving on, our club spent \$100 on Birthday Bags to donate to the Area Food Pantry. We then recognized January birthdays and gave a binder update. Our meeting was then adjourned with a motion from Emma and a second from Cloe. Our next meeting will be February 21, at 6pm via zoom. Talks were then given by Emma, Anna, and Abbey. Lastly, our club played a game called "First Letter, Last Letter" led by Jacob and Abbey.

Submitted by Jacob Gilles



Q. WHAT DID THE STAMP
SAY TO THE ENVELOPE?
A. I'M STUCK ON YOU

4-H Online Enrollment

If you haven't already now is a good time to enroll or re-enroll in 4-H! The enrollment process is to be completed through the new 4-H Online 2.0, <http://v2.4honline.com>. Here are some tips.

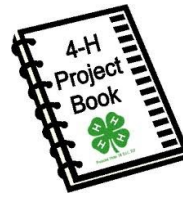
Re-enrollment: If you are re-enrolling, DO NOT create a new profile. You will need the email address and password you created last year. If you can't remember which email you used, please call the Extension office. If you forgot your password, just use the "Reset password?" option on the login screen. Once you make it to your "Member List" screen, simply select the youth or adult volunteer member you want to re-enroll by clicking on the "Enroll Now" next to their name. ALL adult volunteers will need to re-enroll, as well. Please edit any information that has changed. Your years in 4-H, age, and grade should have transfer correctly, but double check everything. As this is a NEW version of 4-H Online, you will have to select any and all the projects you are interested in. Unfortunately, at this time, once you've submitted your enrollment, you won't be able to add or remove projects. If you have already completed your enrollment, and need to add more projects, go ahead and contact the Extension office.

New Enrollment: If you are adding a new youth to the family or just getting started in 4-H Online for the first time and having problems contact jschiere@illinois.edu or call the Peoria Extension office at 309-685-3140 for assistance. Remember, you will have to add at least one project to submit your enrollment.

Please remember, you will not be activated until payment is received. If the annual 4-H Program Fee causes financial hardship to your family, please contact Cathy at Ludolph@illinois.edu or call the Extension office..

Publications (4-H project manuals/workbooks) are no longer part of the 4-H Online system. Please read the article to the right regarding the changes to ordering publications.

Invite a friend to join 4-H



Important information for ordering 4-H Project Books

The process of ordering 4-H manuals is different with the new 4-H Online.

1. Members must enroll/re-enroll at <https://il.4honline.com> and then submit for approval.
2. County staff receive enrollment and approve each member.
3. Once approved, you will receive an email saying you have been approved and there will be a link to request publications. Fill out this request form for what you would like to order. **However**, it also depends on how you pay the Program Fees, on this email.
 - A. If you pay the program fee with a credit card, you will receive the link to order publications.
 - B. If you select "Pay with Check", you will not receive this link for publications until we have payment in the office.
4. Some publications are only available as a download. You will receive a separate email with the link to the download. Some downloads are free, and some have a cost. **If the publication has a cost, contact the Extension Office before downloading.**

Members that enrolled early on would not have gotten this email. The publication ordering process was not set up until just recently. So, if you would like to order any publications, please contact the Extension Office either by phone or send Julann an email with what you would like to order at jschiere@illinois.edu

Find help for your projects

We have dozens of projects you can choose to take and ways to help you learn! Check out the resources available @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>

YQCA and Quality Assurance – Animal Project Information

Cat, Dog, Horse, Poultry, and Rabbits

If a 4-H member is taking Cat, Dog, Horse, Poultry, or Rabbits – They are required to complete Quality Assurance and Ethics training, one time during their 4-H years. The website for that is:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Animal Science Posters or Displays at 4-H General Show

For any animal projects -- If a 4-H member is showing a poster or other display (not a live animal) at 4-H General Show, they do NOT have to do any type of ethics training. They can do it if they want to. It is still a good learning experience.

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, and Dairy Cattle (with live animals as a project)

Statewide requirement is that members in these projects must complete YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, in order to show and be premium eligible.

Must be done every year they are in the project. Premiums are only given to those exhibitors who complete it. State Fair entries will only be approved for those who complete it. There are two options:

1. Youth may take training individually online at any time: <http://yqca.org> – Cost for this is \$12 per person.

or

2. Youth may attend one in-person training, which WE HOPE can be offered late spring, one hour long. A date for the in-person training has not yet been set.

- Pre-registration online is required for the in-person training once a date has been set.
- \$3 per person online payment ahead of time is required for an in-person training.
- Adults may attend with their kids, but do not register. Adults may not be certified in this by attending, just youth.



The banner features a microphone on the left and the text 'SPEAKER SERIES: FACES OF AGRICULTURE AND USDA' in large blue letters. Below this, it says '2021' in large white numbers. A 'REGISTER' button is on the right. At the bottom, it lists three dates: 'WEDNESDAY FEB. 17 @ 2:00 PM CST', 'WEDNESDAY MAR. 17 @ 2:00 PM CST', and 'WEDNESDAY APR. 21 @ 2:00 PM CST'. The USDA logo is in the top left corner. Small text at the bottom describes the virtual speaker series and provides contact information for Julio Puentes and Ruby Delagarza.

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Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do.....John Wooden



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