



July 2020

Peoria Clover News

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

Dear 4-H Families,

It's 4-H Fair Time! I know the virtual fair is not what we are used to, but it's still an exciting time of year. So.....if you haven't started on your projects yet, now would be a good time to start! I can't wait to see all of your great project accomplishments.

The deadline to register to exhibit and upload all of your project reports, photos or videos is Friday, July 24. Judging will take place the following week and results will be available the first week of August.

Be sure to check out the rest of the newsletter for 4-H Fair information and other awesome virtual & live 4-H experiences.

Sincerely,


Cathy Ludolph
Extension Program Coordinator
4-H Youth Development

State Fair Delegates

If you are chosen as a State Fair Delegate in more than one class please let the Extension office know as soon as possible after judging results are available which project you would like to have advanced to the virtual 4-H State Fair level. You can only advance to State in one project area. (Exception: Public Speaking Delegates can advance in both Public Speaking and another project area if chosen as a state Fair Delegate.



Congratulations Public Speaking Participants

A big “Thumbs Up” to the ten Peoria County 4-H members that submitted videos for our virtual Public Presentation Contest. Your video presentations were **AWESOME!** Three members will have the opportunity to advance to the state 4-H Public Presentation contest. Congratulations to the following participants: 

- Seattle Creasy, Terrific Tornadoes – A rating, Superior, Champion Rosette Ribbon & State Fair Delegate
- Avery Blunier, Elmwood All-Stars – A rating & State Fair Delegate
- Ada Shipman, Neighbor Kids – A rating & State Fair Delegate
- Landon Blunier, Elmwood All-Stars – A rating
- Aiden Magstadt, Neighbor Kids – A rating
- Alaina Hedge, Neighbor Kids – B rating
- Tyler Hedge, Neighbor Kids – B rating
- Alanna Magstadt, Neighbor Kids – A rating
- Addison Church, Neighbor Kids & Jubilee Patriots – B rating
- Mason Youngman, Neighbor Kids – A rating

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>

Local 4-H EVENTS

JULY

- 10 Sewing & Textile fairentry deadline
- 14 Federation Meeting via ZOOM- information will be sent to members
- 16-17 IL State 4-H Virtual Livestock Judging Contest /register by July 13
- 18 4-H Horse Show fairentry deadline
- 24 4-H Show deadline for general projects & livestock shows

AUGUST

- 14 Peoria County virtual day at IL State 4-H Fair
- 29-30 State Jr. Horse Show (English show portion) Du Quion State Fair Grounds

SEPTEMBER

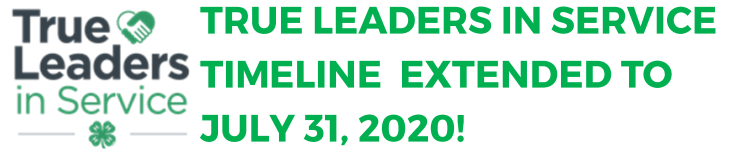
- 5-6 State Jr. Horse Show (Western show portion) Du Quion State Fair Grounds
- 11-13 Jr. Livestock Expo. @IL State Fair Grounds Beef/Sheep/Dairy Goats/Pygmy/ Goats/ Rabbits/Poultry
- 18-20 Jr. Livestock Expo. @IL State Fair Grounds

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

We are so excited to announce a new series Illinois 4-H will be launching in August, 2020. Be on the lookout for updates on the *4-H Volunteer Cafe Conversation* series. This will be an opportunity for volunteers across Illinois to meet and chat with volunteers to discuss timely topics, share ideas, and access tools & techniques to support 4-H club and member learning experiences. We will be posting topics and dates on the Illinois social media and email!

Virtual 4-H Fair - Special Accommodation Requests

There have been a few important questions from families regarding virtual exhibiting. Some families have asked "Where do I list my child's reasonable accommodation information in the FairEntry System?" An example would be needing to make note of a learning disability. There is no place in fairentry to make this request. If you would like to make a special request please send to Cathy at ludolph@illinois.edu. This information can later be shared with judges as appropriate.



4-H members and clubs have been engaged in amazing The *True Leaders in Service*, designated day of service may have passed however we are asking Illinois 4-H Clubs to keep the momentum going as they continue to focus on the 4th "H" and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Even though Illinois has moved into the Phase 3, the *Recovery* stage of the COVID-19 response, communities are still in need of support. ***To meet this need we are extending the timeline for 4-H Clubs to go through July 31, 2020!***

Illinois 4-H'ers have been collaborating virtually as they collected and donated food to stock the shelves at local food pantries experiencing greater needs; making cards, videos, and encouraging yard signs to support vulnerable populations including shut-ins and senior center residents; and they have put their sewing skills to work as they made face masks which were distributed at medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

Find resources and the link to register your plan for service outreach at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service outreach is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this is your time to make a difference!

Invite a friend to join 4-H

2020 Virtual 4-H Fair News

Peoria County 4-H Show Deadlines (Videos)

Please upload your livestock, public speaking, robotics, computer science, video, and maker **exhibit videos** to a box file at:

<https://uofi.app.box.com/3700d36ce9454ce1a79dc54e0e30141c>

- Horse Show project videos by Saturday, July 18
- All non-livestock project videos by Friday, July 24
- All livestock project (except dairy & rabbit) videos by Friday, July 24

IMPOTANT NOTE: You will need to go to fairentury at: <http://peoria4-hfair.fairentury.com> to enter the class before uploading your video.

Peoria County 4-H Show Deadlines (Photos)

Please upload your non-livestock, Dairy & Rabbit 4-H project **exhibit photos** to:

<http://peoria4-hfair.fairentury.com>

- STEAM Clothing & Shopping in Style project photos by Friday, July 10
- Dairy & Rabbit Show project photos by Friday, July 24
- All non-livestock project photos by Friday, July 24

IMPORTANT NOTE: Photos and project reports must be uploaded when registering for the class. You do not need to register for all of your project exhibit / classes at the same time.

You do not have to wait until you have all of your projects finished to register and upload a project. You can upload each project individually as you complete your project. You could register for and upload a different project each day of the week if you wanted too.

Jason Coulter Memorial Beef Award (\$500)

The Jason Coulter Award is available to current Peoria County 4-H members who are 15 - 18 years of age, are currently enrolled in 4-H and enrolled in the beef project for at least three years.

There will be one award presented each year. The award will be for \$500 and paid directly to the award recipient. Once a member has been awarded the Jason Coulter Memorial award they are ineligible to reapply.

Applications must be completed and include the following: Completed front page of personal information plus maximum of one (1) page, single sided that provides at least a 2-paragraph answer to the following question: "Why do you show Beef?"

Completed applications must be submitted to the Peoria Extension office no later than July 24, 2020. All applicants will be required to participate in the virtual Beef Show in 2020 and participate in a required interview.

The winner will be announced at the beginning of the virtual Auction on Thursday, July 30.

Award applications can be found on the Peoria County 4-H website at:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/peoria4h/> or call the Peoria Extension office at 685-3140.

Copyright / Trademark Laws and Visual Arts Projects

Art using any form of protected graphics (including school logos and the 4-H emblem) cannot be used unless the 4-H member has accompanying documentation of permission to use the items.

Visual Arts projects using items protected by copyright/trademark laws cannot be advanced to State Fair. If you have any questions about using an item please call the Extension office at 685-3140 or ludolph@illinois.edu.

\$50 Prize for the top 4-H Food Science Project

One award of \$50 will be given to the top Food Science Project exhibited at the 4-H Fair in each county. This award is sponsored by the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation to encourage and support future Food Industry Professionals! Learn more about the food you eat by trying some really cool experiments. It's not too late! Peoria County 4-H members can still sign up for the 4-H Food Science Project.

For Food Science inspiration and to learn more visit the 4-H website:

<https://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/food-science/>

For more information about the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation visit the CFSF website: <https://chicagofoodscience.org/>

Peoria County 4-H Fair Community Service Project

Participate in the Canned Food Drive sponsored by the 4-H Federation group. All 4-H clubs are invited to participate by donating non-perishable canned or boxed food items to a local food pantry. The club that donates the most items will receive \$25 from Federation towards a fun outing for your club. Club members can donate individually and report amount donated to leader. Leaders please e-mail Cathy the amount donated by your club members by Monday, July 29. Winner will be announced shortly after. (we would love to have some photos too!)

Project Exhibit Information

When submitting your 4-H project exhibit photos and / or videos remember to include your exhibit tag where it can be seen. Also include your age and years in project in your project report.



4-H Spirit Display



All Peoria County 4-H Clubs are invited to create a Virtual 4-H Spirit Display for our virtual 4-H Fair. The goals of the display are to:

- Promote 4-H
- Opportunity for club members to work together on a creative project.
- Promote your 4-H club

Display Guidelines:

- Include club name as part of display.
- Virtual display can be a flyer your club members create to show their 4-H Spirit, a video, a collection of photos of something your members did to showcase their 4-H Spirit (for example: if you paint a bunch of green 4-H flamingos and put them all over town – take pictures of it and upload the pictures) etc.. The possibilities are limitless.
- Upload your photos or videos, etc. to our Unit's google album at: <https://go.illinois.edu/Peoria4-HSpirit> by Friday, July 24. Please include a description or watermark to your photos, etc. when you upload or send to Cathy and she will add. Don't forget to include club name somewhere in your display.
- Make sure there is a photo/video release form on file at the Extension office for anyone included in a video or photo. Ask members prior to taking a photo, etc. if it is ok if they are included in the photo or video. The Spirit Displays will be featured on the Peoria 4-H Facebook Page for public viewing.
- Judging – will take place on Monday, July 29 and the winner will be announced shortly after.
- 2020 Theme – “In 4-H, you can.....”
- Judges are looking for Creativity, Use of Theme and Club Name in display.
- Be creative and have fun with your display!
- **Award-** In addition to the “4-H Spirit” Award Stick Federation is giving a \$50 cash award to the 1st place club virtual display and a \$25 cash award to the 2nd place club virtual display.



Peoria County 4-H Virtual Fair News 2020



You have worked so hard on your 4-H projects and we are excited to see your work. Even though we can't see you in person this year, online judging is a chance to share what you have learned, and to get feedback from a judge to help you think about your goals and plans for next year. Exhibits will be judged in the closed-access FairEntry System. (<http://peoria4-hfair.fairentry.com>) After judging is complete, we will look for different ways to share your exhibits for public viewing. Here are some tips to help you plan for your online judging experience:

1. Most exhibits will require a 4-H Project Report and three photos (a photo of the overall exhibit and 2 photos that provide a close up of a skill, technique or content area that you would like to report). In a small number of project areas, additional documentation is required. Examples include a video showing your exhibit in action (such as robotics, computer program and live animals) or additional word document/PDF (such as crop record or creative writing sample).
2. This year for online judging a Microsoft PowerPoint or Google Slides option is available as an alternative to creating a physical poster presentation. If you have already started your poster, you can upload photos of your poster as previously described. The slideshow option is also available as an alternate to uploading several individual photo images. Slideshows should be no more than 10 slides. Slideshows of a maximum 20 slides are allowed for multi-year project binder/portfolio exhibits or large collection displays, including: My Financial Future: Adv., Entomology 3, Rock Hounds 1-2, Communications, Journalism, and Leadership 2-3.
3. An important part of the 4-H judging experience is to provide you an opportunity to share what you have learned with the judge. Because you are not able to meet in person with the judge, the 4-H Project Report is a key part of sharing what you have learned. A project report template is available for you and should be saved and uploaded with your FairEntry registration. This is required for every 4-H exhibit and should be no more than 1 page.
4. Each exhibit has different instructions on what documentation to upload into FairEntry. You can find the instructions for your project area and class in the Peoria County 4-H Virtual Show Book or on the 4-H Online Judging Exhibit Requirement Spreadsheet. **The Peoria Virtual Show Book and spreadsheet can be found on our Unit website at: <https://go.illinois.edu/FMPTVirtual4-HShows> - Show Book requirements still apply.**
5. If you run into trouble with uploading your exhibit documentation, please contact the Extension office at 685-3140 or email: jschiere@illinois.edu or ludolph@illinois.edu. We are here to help you!
6. Tips on Taking Photos of Your Exhibit:
 - *Include a small card or piece of paper with your name and county in each photo
 - *Remove glass or plastic before taking photos to avoid glare
 - *Choose a location with good lighting to take photos of your exhibit – use natural lighting if possible.
7. Note: A few exhibit areas are difficult to share via photos. A video of no more than 3 minutes is required for robotics, computer science, video, and maker projects. Instructions on how to share your videos for these projects will be on our Unit website at: <https://go.illinois.edu/FMPTVirtual4-HShows>
8. More detailed instructions for livestock, horse, dog and public presentation contests will be located on our Unit website at: <https://go.illinois.edu/FMPTVirtual4-HShows>. Videos for these projects will be uploaded to a box file at: <https://uofi.app.box.com/f/3700d36ce9454ce1a79dc54e0e30141c>
9. Remember: judging comments can be helpful, but they are only one person's evaluation.
10. Once completed, exhibit photos/videos and awards will be posted for public viewing. This is a requirement for Ag Premium Eligibility. Remember that Ag Premium awards are subject to modification or cancellation in any year for which the General Assembly fails to make an appropriation to fund the premiums." (30 ILCS 120/14(d))

IMPORTANT! READ THIS for Animal projects

For youth enrolled in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat and Dairy Cattle (Showing live animals): **This is for virtual shows too.**

New statewide requirement is that members in these projects must complete YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals.

Must be done **EVERY YEAR** (starting in 2020) they are in the project.

- **Youth may take training online individually at <http://yqca.org>. Cost for this is \$12 per youth. **We have a limited amount of coupons to cover the \$12 cost. To request a coupon send an e-mail to Julann at: jschiere@illinois.edu. First come, first serve.****

Why? This program is being adopted as it is the nationally recognized, sanctioned, and accepted certification program for all national shows, and is a great education piece that supports 4-H market animal projects. It is the only quality assurance program accepted by packers that can replace PQA and BQA. It is felt that this is an important educational component to the 4-H projects involved.

Important Note: Youth in multiple species will be required to take both trainings when appropriate.

Examples: Dairy Cattle and Poultry means you would take YQCA for Dairy and QAE (if you've never taken it) for Poultry . Horses and Poultry means you only take QAE for both species.



Trophies & Rosettes

Trophy sponsorships are needed for the 2020 4-H show. Due to the unusual circumstances this year trophy plaques will be awarded to only a few classes in each livestock category and fancy rosette ribbons will be awarded for the other livestock classes and all non-livestock project areas. If you or anyone you know is interested in sponsoring a trophy, please send a check to the U of I Extension Peoria office (4810 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61614). Sponsorships are \$25 each. We appreciate all of our great trophy sponsors.

For youth enrolled in Horses, Rabbits, Poultry, Dogs and Cats (Showing live animals)

The Quality Assurance and Ethics (QAE) training is still required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. If you have already taken this for one of the above animals, then you are covered. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the project, and will not be eligible to exhibit at county shows. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>.

NOTE: Youth must use a computer for this program; not a tablet or smartphone.

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

2020 Virtual 4-H Show Book

The 2020 Peoria County 4-H Virtual Show Book is completed and available on our unit website at: <https://go.illinois.edu/FMPTVirtual4-HShows>

Please take the time to review it carefully. You will find the virtual exhibit requirements for all livestock & non-livestock projects.

- The new 2020 Virtual Show book is updated with information for the current 2020 virtual 4-H show. This show book is separate from the original 2020 show book that was posted on our website earlier this spring.
- There are important pages in the front and back of the book. Please take the time to read the show book.
- Each department has Superintendents listed and they are available to answer questions about classes in that department.

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

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

4-H CLUB NEWS

Elmwood All-Stars 4-H Club Report!

The Elmwood All-Stars 4-H meeting was held on June 14th via Zoom. We started off with Pledges and Roll Call, then we were given the secretary reports. Old business included discussion about the YQCA and a plant sale update. Next our club moved on to New Business! We were given a were told that the 4-H show would be virtual! Everyone was reminded to check the clover news and refer to the Extension website for more information. Then we talked about a few important dates, including July 24th All livestock and non-livestock projects need to be completed, June 26th Public Speaking videos must be uploaded, and July 10th Sewing and Textile Fair entry. We then discussed the spirit display contest, June birthdays, and a reminder to share pictures of you and your projects to Drive, so we can create a video. The meeting was adjourned and we ended our meeting with Talks from a couple club members. Our next meeting will be via Zoom at 6pm, on July 19th.

Club Reporter, Avery Blunier.

We look forward to seeing your 2020 virtual 4-H Fair video & photo project exhibits!



Invite a friend to join 4-H

WELCOME NEW 4-H MEMBERS

Neighbor Kids

Lauren Classen
William Classen

Timber Tigers

Amelia Westerman (CB)

I **Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set**

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Congratulations to **Martha Eberley** who will be the 2020 Peoria County Honoree for her many years of dedicated support of the 4-H program. Supporters and family of Martha are welcome to attend.

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.



The best time of year is 4-H Fair time!





JOIN US FOR THE FUN 4-H FAMILY LEARNING CHALLENGE!

Have fun, find new hobbies, try new things, get some 4-H swag, and grow closer as a family in this work at your own pace challenge! **Learn how to:** Program a simple computer game, research your family history, bake some AMAZING bread, create a business plan, give back to the community, and so much more!

After you finish all nine challenges, you will have nine 4-H projects that you can enter in the show if you are enrolled in these project areas! Plus, if you complete all the challenges by the end of July, you will receive an **AWESOME 4-H Swag Bag** (while supplies last!) sponsored by the State 4-H Office and the Illinois 4-H Foundation! So what are you waiting for? Sign up, share with your friends, and let's have some fun!! **SIGN-UP AT: go.illinois.edu/FamilyChallenge**



THE 4-H EVERYDAY SPORTSMAN'S SKILLS CHALLENGE

is currently underway and runs continuously until July 15, 2020.

Interested 4-H Members are presented

with three sportsman's skills at a time which they learn by viewing suggested videos. Once they've mastered the skills, they contact their 4-H leader or 4-H staff person to communicate what they've learned. Each skill level mastered gets the 4-H member entered into a drawing for a high quality multi-tool sponsored by Illinois Pheasants Forever. Click here for details:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-everyday-sportsmans-skills-challenge>



4-H LIVE

Despite a global pandemic, Illinois has not stopped doing amazing things.

Illinois 4-H LIVE is an opportunity for young

people to be highlighted and recognized for their talent, skill & passion for the creative and performing arts. U of I Extension staff will establish regional competitions online, allowing top performers from around the state to compete in an online statewide showcase in the Fall of 2020. This showcase will provide an opportunity to recognize the achievements of Illinois youth and celebrate the importance of sharing art and creativity during difficult times. Fall dates for Regional 4-H LIVE competitions will be released soon. For more information, contact Mark Becker (mbbecker@illinois.edu)



ILLINOIS 4-H OPEN SOURCE AG

With the generous support of the BRANDT Corporation, Illinois 4-H is entering into the initial phases of a new program where youth can get hands-on experience with cutting edge Ag Technologies. With the support of U of I and our business partners, youth will have the opportunity to work directly with a team of specialists in the State Office as well as collaborate with U of I Undergraduate students. Thanks to the help of our student interns from the Crop Science department, we are nearing the completion of our first FarmBot prototype on campus at the Student Sustainable Farm. If you know a young person interested in innovative applications for technology in agriculture, please contact Mark Becker, Illinois 4-H Food Systems Specialist for more details at mbbecker@illinois.edu.



ILLINOIS 4-H STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

**JULY 16, 9A.M. - JULY 17, 5P.M.
REGISTER BY JULY 13**

Held Virtually Via [LivestockJudging.Com](https://livestockjudging.com)

**REGISTER AT
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/STATEJUDGING](https://go.illinois.edu/statejudging)**



Contest Details

- Juniors 8 – 14, Seniors 15 – 18 years of age as of January 1st.
- Questions on 3 classes
- 3 sets of reasons for Senior division only
- Senior and Junior division teams made up of 4 individuals – Judge 4 individuals and count the top 3 individuals.

Send Questions to
Dan Jennings at
djjennin@illinois.edu

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SAVE THE DATE



JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXPO 2020

Ages 8-21

Entry Fees:

- Beef \$20
- Dairy Cattle \$15
- Swine \$15
- Sheep \$15
- Goats \$15
- Rabbits \$1
- Poultry \$1

Sept. 11-13, 2020

Beef/Sheep/Dairy Goats/Pygmy Goats/Rabbits/Poultry

Sept. 18-20, 2020

Swine/Dairy Cattle/Meat Goats

**Illinois State Fairgrounds
Springfield, IL**



SAVE THE DATE



2020 JUNIOR HORSE SHOW

Ages 8-21

**\$10 entry fee
for all events**

August 29-30, 2020

English Show Portion

Sept. 5-6, 2020

Western Show Portion

**Du Quion State Fairgrounds
Du Quion, IL**





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