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Peoria Clover News

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Dear 4-H Families,

Spring is finally here! Soon it will be summer and 4-H show time. If you haven't already, now would be a good time to start on your 4-H projects. Also, if you haven't re-enrolled yet, please go to 4honline and do that as soon as possible.

With the school year winding down I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our 4-H members that are 2020 graduates. I wish you much luck in your future adventures.

I am excited to hear that many of our 4-H clubs are staying connected and meeting virtually via zoom. Even during these challenging times you all continue to gain important skills by learning new ways to communicate.  Thumbs up 4-H leaders and members for being so creative!

As announced by the Director of Extension we will not know until June 1 what format our 4-H show will be this summer. Whether it be a live 4-H show as in the past, a virtual 4-H show or possibly a combination of both please know we are working very hard to provide our 4-H'ers with a positive project exhibiting experience. I encourage all members to continue working on your 4-H projects.

Hang in there and stay positive!

Sincerely,

Cathy Ludolph
Extension Program Coordinator
4-H Youth Development

**We may miss being together
but we're still united in
4-H Spirit**



Sending You A Hug!

The Peoria County 4-H Federation group would like to let all 4-H members, volunteers, families and supporters know that in our current social distancing situation **"We're in this together"**.

Guaranteed to bring a smile to your face!

If you haven't had a chance yet to check out the awesome video message of encouragement by the Peoria County 4-H Federation group you can see it on the Peoria 4-H Facebook page at:

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

or on Illinois Extension Fulton-Mason-Peoria-

Tazewell YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/mxWRikhpTyA>

**Get the latest news on the Peoria
County 4-H Facebook page**
<https://www.facebook.com/peoriacounty4h>

Local 4-H EVENTS

MAY

- 12 Federation meeting via Zoom - information will be sent to members

JUNE

- 9 Federation Meeting via ZOOM- information will be sent to members
- 15 Shooting Sports Comm. Meeting, 7:00 pm via ZOOM-contact Cathy for meeting info.
- 23 Public Presentation Contest via ZOOM, 6 pm

The following dates may be subject to change pending updated COVID-19 information

JULY

- 7 Sewing & Textile Judging @ Lillie M. Evans Library in Princeville
- 14 Federation Meeting - Kickapoo Township Hall, 6 - 7:30 pm
- 18 4-H Horse Show @ Heart of IL Horse Arena / Galena Rd.
- 29, 30 & 31 - 4-H Show at Exposition Gardens for general projects & livestock shows

AUGUST

- 14 Peoria County day at IL State Fair

Pottery & Sewing Workshops

The Pottery and Sewing workshops scheduled for June have been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.



Peoria County 4-H Public Speaking Contest



June 23, 2020

The Spotlight Is On You!

Tuesday, June 23, 6:00 pm

The Peoria County Public Speaking Contest has been transitioned to a virtual contest via ZOOM. It will be held on **Tuesday, June 23, 6:00 pm**. Please contact Cathy at Ludolph@illinois.edu to register.

Participation in this contest does not affect a member's opportunity to also participate in another project area at the Illinois State Fair.

New in 2020- The State Public Speaking Contest will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day. Peoria County's general project exhibit day is Friday, August 14 at the state fair.

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.

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>

IMPORTANT! READ THIS for Animal projects

For youth enrolled in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat and Dairy Cattle (Showing live animals):

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.

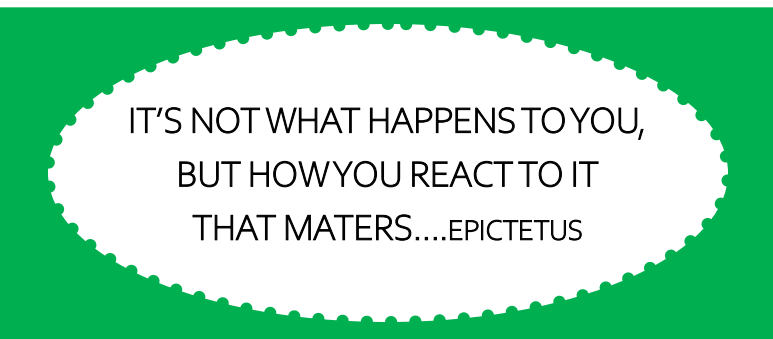
- Youth may take training online individually at <http://yqca.org>. Cost for this is \$12 per youth. We have a limited amount of coupons to cover the \$12 cost. To request a coupon send an e-mail to Julann at: jschiere@illinois.edu. First come, first serve.

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.

State Fair Premium Books

The 2020 Illinois State Fair Premium/Rule Book is now posted. It is posted as Draft and will stay that way as minor changes may be added by Dept. of AG. You can view it by going to the Illinois State Fair website <https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/Pages/default.aspx> Then click on the competitions tab, scroll down to Entry info/Premium Book, then scroll down to 2020 Livestock Premium Book.



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.

Livestock Nomination Form / Entry deadlines for state fair

- Horse SF Entries are due June 20
- Other Livestock SF Entries are due July 15.
- Livestock Nomination forms are due June 10 for Lambs, Premiere Lambs, Goats, and Premiere Swine.

Livestock Nominations

- Lambs – Due June 10 – Form and photo of ear with Scrapie tag in it, readable
- Premiere lambs – Due June 10 – Form and photo like above with scrapie tag in ear. No weighing or tattooing
- Goats – Due June 10 – Form and photo of ear with Scrapie tag in it, readable
- Swine – Due June 10 – Form with breed, ear notch, and birth date for purebreds. No weights or tattooing

Invite a friend to join 4-H

4-H Everyday Sportsman's Skills Challenge

Looking for ways to build some family time into your hectic schedule? What better way to have some family bonding time than getting outdoors and exploring and learning about survival skills. The 4-H Everyday Sportsman's Skills Challenge gets the whole family involved. There are three levels to the challenge. Level I is focused on:

- Methods of finding directions without a compass
- Everyday Cooler Packing
- Everyday Flashlight

Contact Cathy Ludolph: ludolph@illinois.edu and let her know you want to JOIN THE CHALLENGE and she will send you the challenge - and when you're finished, let Cathy know and they will "TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE." Once they are convinced you know your stuff they'll email the State Contact your name and county of residence. Then, you can move up a Skill Level and learn more! Plus, your name will be entered once into a random drawing each time you complete a skill level! Ten winners will be drawn on July 15, 2020 for a very high quality 4-H Everyday Sportsman's Multi-Tool (\$50 value) that will last a lifetime!

\$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/>

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



2020-2021 ILLINOIS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Applications Due June 1st
GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HYLT

The Illinois Youth Leadership Team applications are now open! If you know of any outstanding 4-H members or recent alumni age 16-20 who excels in leadership please encourage them to apply! The Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team offers 4-H members and recent 4-H alumni an opportunity to give back to the 4-H program while further enhancing their leadership skills. Members of this team serve as ambassadors for Illinois 4-H at various events throughout the year, they also plan and run the Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The Team is actively involved in assisting the State 4-H Office in planning, implementing, and evaluating various 4-H events and activities; representing Illinois at National 4-H Conference; and serving as a youth voice of the Illinois 4-H Youth Development Program.

For more information please visit go.illinois.edu/4hylt. Promotional image for social media is attached, or feel free to share from the Illinois 4-H social media pages. Applications are due June 1st: <https://www.jotform.com/build/200865983373162>

State 4-H livestock Judging Contest

- Originally scheduled for June 15 on campus.
- Will now be a virtual contest hosted through LivestockJudging.com. Placings and questions.
- Date TBD but will be by the end of June.

4-H Club News

Sorry, we have no club news.



Invite a friend to join 4-H

WELCOME NEW 4-H MEMBERS

Jubilee Patriots

Ashlyn Bertsch

Terrific Tornadoes (new club)

Rosie Nehls (Clover Bud)

Doris Schoenbein Memorial Scholarship Award (\$500)

All high school seniors or 4-H alumni enrolled in a junior or four year college or a trade school are eligible to apply for the Doris Schoenbein Scholarship Award regardless of future career plans.

The purpose of the award is to recognize youth for exhibiting outstanding leadership, citizenship & community service participation during their 4-H involvement. One winner will be chosen each year to receive the \$500 Doris Schoenbein Scholarship Award. This award is sponsored by the Peoria County 4-H Auction Committee to honor Doris Schoenbein for her many years of dedication as a 4-H Volunteer Leader and support of the 4-H Program.

Applications are available on the Peoria County 4-H website. Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2019 for consideration. The award winner will be announced in July.

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.

Peoria County 4-H Leadership Scholarship Award (\$100 x 2)

The 4-H Leadership Scholarship Award is for older 4-H members and 4-H Alumni (ages 17 - 21). The purpose of the award is to recognize youth for exhibiting outstanding leadership during their 4-H involvement. Two winners will be chosen each year to each receive the \$100 4-H Leadership Scholarship Award. This award is sponsored by the Peoria County 4-H Federation youth through the Peoria County 4-H Auction Committee.

Applicants must be either current 4-H members who are High School Seniors or Peoria County 4-H Alumni that are currently enrolled in an approved post High School educational program (Junior College, 4-year University, trade School, etc.)

Applications are available on the Peoria County 4-H website. Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2019 for consideration. The award winner will be announced in July.



You and your best friend

Shooting Sports volunteers needed



Many young people don't have someone to show them how to safely handle a firearm or bow. Think back to the person who taught you to shoot. The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. You can choose your discipline of interest: Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, and Hunting & Wildlife. To volunteer here's what you need to do:

1. Contact the Peoria Extension office at 685-3140 and complete the required forms and background checks. The Extension office will complete your registration.
2. Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
3. Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM. Check with the Extension office for assistance with the \$85 training fee.

Unfortunately the June 13, 2020 4-H Leader Certification Training in Pike Co. (western IL) had to be cancelled. It is necessary that shooting sports trainings are done face-to-face so it will be re-scheduled. If we're allowed to insert a summer training at 4-H Memorial Camp, we will make every effort to do so. Certainly, all fall shooting sports trainings and events are still being planned! The next training scheduled is for Sept. 12, 2020 at Torstenson Center, Winnebago Co. (northern IL). September and October State Shoots are also still being planned.

Due to the current covid-19 situation there will be no 4-H dog obedience training classes in May or June, however we do encourage you to work with your best friend on your own to get ready for the 4-H show.

This is an opportunity while at home to keep up with training and practice. This year the state 4-H office plans to waive this year's requirement to be enrolled in a face to face dog training class. AKC has just launched a virtual Pilot program for Rally Novice as well. Please see the links below for details.

There are many videos for rally and obedience located at the following link for our playlists on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOmnrKKiM2kcaowVl3SXeVQ/playlists>

The playlists are broken down into categories for the obedience and rally class levels to show the correct way to perform each exercise or sign.


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New Rally Novice Virtual Pilot Program

https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/fbclid=IwAR3at72PkpHtxM9Hd7tx_iSD_oY_o0KuZbdOp4MyEwMYuHuiaQmn09xBffk



To find out more about the Peoria County 4-H Shooting Sports Program please join us at our next Shooting Sports Planning meeting via ZOOM on **Monday, June 15, 7:00 pm**. For a link to join along with password please contact Cathy at: Ludolph@illinois.edu



A professional development opportunity for 4-H staff, adult volunteers, and teen leaders!

BEST PRACTICES IN ANIMAL CARE AND POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
Introduction to new Animal Science Curricula

Topics include: Animal Welfare; Livestock/Predator Interactions; Dog Care & Training



For more information, please contact:

Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty,
lschmittmcquitty@ucanr.edu

No Registration Fee!
Space is limited!

“Tuesdays in June”

Zoom Platform

- June 2nd: *Animal Welfare Proficiencies in 4-H*
 - Pre-registration required:
<https://ucanr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUuOuhrDstG9TKI3b4e9-5dqtT183ICERU>
- June 9th: *At the Interface Between Livestock and Predators*
 - Pre-Registration Required:
<https://ucanr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqdu6tqDkjHdLBw9IiuSv-ffftIfVxWnK3>
- June 16th: *A ‘Fear-Less’ Approach to Understanding Dogs, their Care, and Training*
 - Pre-registration required:
<https://ucanr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYld-GqrDMiE9N1Af0H32sAY9AtAg3Vdhd7>

Symposium Highlights:

- Interactive and informative sessions
- Introduction to effective teaching methods
- Overview and availability of new curriculum materials
- Guest speakers include Dr. Melissa Bain, Dr. Niamh Quinn, Dr. Carolyn Whitesell, Dr. Cheryl Meehan, Mr. Dan Macon, and Dr. Brian Greco.



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