



December 2020

Peoria Clover News

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Dear 4-H Families,

Happy Holidays from all of the 4-H staff at the Peoria Extension office. We hope you take time to enjoy this special holiday season and be safe as you spend time with family and friends.

There are several fun activities planned for 2021 so be sure to check out this month's newsletter for more information and for important dates and deadlines.

I look forward to working with all of our awesome 4-H members and volunteers to "Make the Best Better" in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Cathy Ludolph
Extension Program Coordinator
4-H Youth Development



ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

If you are curious as to what college or career is right for you, plan now to

join us and discover new possibilities at the Illini Summer Academies (ISA)! At ISA you can expect a fun and exploratory experience featuring a virtual academy session and a variety of new workshops and fun virtual activities. For questions, contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu.



4-H SPARK Camps

The Fall SPARK Camps have been a huge success! Thank you to everyone that has been participating in the virtual SPARK Camp workshops. Plans for the Winter session (January & February) are currently being made. Information for the Winter SPARK Camps will be out soon with registration opening up on January 4 so be sure to watch for e-mails with the workshop descriptions. The SPARK Camps are free and open to all 4-H members.



Happy Holidays!

Local 4-H EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 3 Spark Camp / Shooting Sports - Arrow Trajectory & Aiming 6:30 pm
- 5 Spark Camp - Electric Motor 1 pm
- 8 Federation Meeting, 6:30 pm via zoom
- 8 Spark Camp - Beg. Nature Pencil Sketching, Part 1 - 7 pm
- 12 Spark Camp - Nature Pencil Sketching, Part 2 7 pm
- 19 Spark Camp - Spice up your Artwork, 1 pm
- 24 - Jan 1 Extension office closed for Holiday Season

JANUARY 2021

- 4 Extension office open after Holiday Season
- 4 Registration opens for winter SPARK Camps
- 12 Federation Meeting, 6:30 pm via zoom

Beef Weigh-in & Tattooing

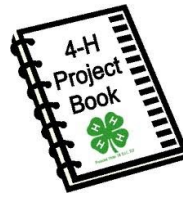
The 2021 date for the beef weigh-in & tattooing will be Saturday, February 6. Weigh-in and tattooing time for Peoria County will start at approx. 11 am. Please plan to be on the fairgrounds no later than 12 noon. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** In 2021 the weigh-in will be at the Stark County Fairgrounds instead of the sale barn. If you have any questions please contact the Peoria Extension office at 685-3140.



BARRED OWL NEST BOX CHALLENGE

It's not too late to jump in on the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge.

Last year over 30 sets of boxes were installed, and are set to be monitored this coming spring! New boxes must be made and set by mid-January at the latest to give momma owl time to find and choose her favorite style of nest box! For details and instructions, contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu



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

Closed for the Holiday

The Peoria Extension office will be closed December 24 thru January 1. The office will be open Monday, January 4.

Invite a friend to join 4-H

Congratulations to all of the 2020 4-H Member & Volunteer Award Winners

Awards Ceremony was held virtually on Thursday, November 12 via zoom

2020 4-H Member Awards:

- *Outstanding Record Book (Age 8 – 11): Mackinzie Murphy / Laura Winners
- *Outstanding Record Book (Age 12 – 14): Caitlyn Murphy / Laura Winners
- *Outstanding Record Book (Age 15 – 19): Kate Colgan / Laura Winners
- *Secretary of the Year: Silas Mattern / Federation
- *Treasurer of the year: Caitlyn Murphy / Laura Winners
- *Scrapbook of the year: 4-H Federation
- *Member that exhibited the most projects at 4-H show: Callie Plumer / Jubilee Patriots (28 projects)
- *Award of the Silver Clover for IL State 4-H Experience Level Recognition

Caroline Tautkus / Laura Winners Jackson Tautkus / Laura Winners Annemarie Litwiller / Horse Hustlers

- *Award of the Emerald Clover for State 4-H Experience Level Recognition (Leadership)

Sarah Stevens / Elmwood All-Stars

*4-H Alumni

Skylar Kellstadt / Jubilee Patriots Maya Baker / Midnight Riders Sarah Stevens / Elmwood All-Stars
Kate Mueller / Peoria Clovers Gianna Frank / Peoria Clovers

- *The following groups were also recognized:

Cloverbuds Junior Leaders Teens as Teachers Holstein Award Recipients

2020 4-H Club Awards:

Window Display 1st Place: Neighbor Kids
Window Display 2nd Place: Jubilee Patriots
Window Display 3rd Place: Elmwood All-Stars
Window Display 4th Place: Laura Winners
2020 Peoria County 4-H Club of the Year: Elmwood All-stars

2020 Volunteer / Leader Awards

- *2020 Peoria County 4-H Club Leader of the Year: Missy Stevens / Elmwood All-Stars

- *Club leader w/the most club members: Missy Stevens / Elmwood All-Stars (41 members)

- *Club leader w the highest % of members exhibiting at 4-H show:

Fred Rosenbohm / Neighbor Kids (100%) *Chad Magstadt / Neighbor Kids (100%)

- *Award of the Bronze Clover (1st year leaders)

Jennifer Slayton / Jubilee Patriots

- *Award of the Silver Clover (5 year leaders)

Anna Kamasaki / P-Town Leaders Chad Magstadt / Neighbor Kids

- *Award of the Gold Clover (10 year leaders)

Deb Keyt / Jubilee Patriots & Archery SPIN

- *Recognition of 2020 State 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee: Martha Eberley

- *IL State 4-H Volunteer of the Year: Matthew Hagaman

- *The following groups were also recognized:

4-H Show Superintendents Jr. Superintendents 4-H Auction Committee Community Club Leaders
SPIN Club Leaders

The 2020 Peoria County 4-H Awards Program was sponsored by the Peoria County 4-H Federation

4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - ILLINOIS 4-H VIRTUAL STEM CURRICULUM TRAINING!

We would like to invite 4-H volunteers, club leaders and teen teachers to the **Illinois 4-H STEM Curriculum Training!** This remote-access training is your opportunity to receive hands-on experience in using **Quads Away (Drones)**, **DIY Make and Build (Maker)** and our new **eSports Pilot Curriculum**. Many things have been updated or added to these materials since their introduction to better align with programming needs in a virtual space. Updated versions of each will be sent out to all participants (and posted immediately following the training). This training is not meant to produce content experts, but rather process experts with the skills needed to incorporate these materials into your programming.

This training will be broken into 3 separate, 2 hour trainings focused on each curriculum topic. Attendees can feel free to attend one or all of them. During the training, participants will be briefly guided through each curriculum and will have the opportunity to do some of the included activities from each. In addition, participants will have the chance to explore SPIN and community club options with the 4-H STEM Team, and other PYD professionals and volunteers. For those that choose to enroll in the Maker training Before December 6th, they will receive a set of materials to complete Activity 1: Popsicle Flashlight from the DIY Make and Build Curriculum.

Who: 4-H Volunteers, Club Leaders and Teen Leaders

Date and Time: Friday, December 11th, 2020

- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM- **Quads Away (Drones)**
- 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM- **DIY Make & Build (Maker)**
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM- **eSports Pilot Curriculum**

Where: **Zoom call**. A link will be provided with the day's agenda and other details before the training.

Please note that registration closes on Thursday, December 10th, 2020, but to receive Maker materials, you must be registered by December 6th.

Please feel free to send any questions or concerns to The Illinois 4-H STEM Team at illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu. If you have not registered there is still time, use this link and sign up today: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22105>

2020 VIRTUAL 4-H SHOOT UPDATE

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>



Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports leaders have submitted 267 scores from 124 registered 4-H shooters in the on-going 2020 4-H Virtual State Shoot! This statewide competition runs through December 31, 2020 and awards will be given to the top five finishers in shotgun, archery, and air rifle in January, 2021.

For a list of local 4-H participants or any other questions, please contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

NUTRIEN ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN GRANT

In coordination with the National 4-H Council and the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders will work with an industry leader in addressing topics of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. Teams must consist of three youth leaders and one adult mentor. Applications are due December 31st, 2020. Projects will be supported up to \$1,000.

Link to application: <https://go.illinois.edu/NutrienCAP>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

happy
new year!

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS 4-H VIRTUAL ESPORTS SPIN CLUB?

With eSports becoming one of the largest growing tech industries in the world, with an annual revenue of \$1.5 billion with an expectation to reach \$2.2 billion by 2023, it is time that our youth become poised and ready to meet the demands of this growing field.

Are you **at least 12 years old and own a computer or gaming system**? This year Illinois 4-H released a pilot curriculum focused on the growing field of electronic sports, or eSports, and we would like to pilot it with you! As a pilot, we hope to add to and modify the curriculum based on the feedback and input of the youth involved. Under the direction of Illinois 4-H Computer Science Innovator Eric Li, youth will be virtually guided (using Zoom) through the eSports Pilot curriculum, learn the basics of the eSports field, and learn about the hardware and software that makes eSports possible. In addition, youth will be able to play and practice their favorite games as a team, and potentially compete in one or more eSports competitions through the Spring and Summer.

Registration for this opportunity will open on Dec. 1 and close on Jan. 15, with meetings beginning the third week of January. Schedule and goals will be determined/presented in the first meeting with plans on meeting at least twice a month (and more frequently before competitions).

Interested youth can sign up at the link below:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22817>

For questions or comments, please contact the Illinois 4-H STEM Team at Illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu

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

NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE UPCOMING 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH AGRICULTURE SCIENCE SUMMIT

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agriculture, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting. The summit will be an opportunity to meet like-minded peers from across the country, learn more about career opportunities, and network with professionals in the field of Agriculture. As a cornerstone of the experience, participants are challenged to identify and develop action plans that address issues related to agriculture in their community. For more information visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#!agriculture>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

ILLINOIS 4-H FOOD ADVOCACY TEAM ANNOUNCES FOOD ADVOCACY GRANT

Want to do more about food insecurity where you live? With the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders throughout Illinois will have the opportunity to receive financial support for projects addressing food security, food access, and food justice in their neighborhoods and communities. Applications are due Monday, December 21st for review by the Food Advocacy Team. For more information and ideas for service-learning projects, see the online application: <https://go.illinois.edu/FoodAdvocacyGrant>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

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2021 – Livestock Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show.

STEERS:

- Calved on or after January 1, 2020
- Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2021

BARROWS: Regular Barrows

- **Farrowed on or after January 1, 2021** and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2021. No weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making entry for county & ISF

BARROWS: Premiere Barrows

- **Farrowed on or after February 10, 2021** and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2021
- Weighed and Tattooed with Box A tattoo from February 10 to April 15, 2021
- Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0 lbs/day of age
- Junior exhibitors can purchase pre-nominated barrows

SHEEP Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- **Lambled on or after January 1, 2021**
- Ownership Date – May 15, 2021
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.

Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe lambs: –

Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:

- Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level.
- Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2021. – Lambled on or after January 1, 2021

Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers – No more Regional check-in sites – New nomination format

- Wethers – Born on or after October 1, 2020
Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2021
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension office.

4-H Enrollment Deadlines

The following projects have a January 4, 2021 deadline. All other project enrollments and changes are due May 1, 2021.

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| * Beef (for production animals) | * Dairy (for production animals) |
| * Goat (for production animals) | * Horse (for production animals) |
| * Poultry (egg production) | * Sheep (for production animals) |
| * Swine (for production animals) | |

Basically, any livestock project where production is the main focus needs to be enrolled in by early January each year.

However, be aware that a young person may join 4-H at any time of the year, but in order to show at the 4-H Shows, the above deadlines are in place.

4-H CLUB NEWS

JUBILEE PATRIOTS

The October meeting of the Jubilee Patriots 4-H club was held on Sunday, October 18th at the Brimfield Fire Dept. and virtually on Zoom. After many technical difficulties, the meeting was called to order by President Silas Mattern. There were 17 members present. The roll call question was "Are you craving a pumpkin?". The pledges were led by Emma Slayton. The minutes from the September meeting were read by secretary Emma Slayton and the treasurer's report was read by treasurer Anna Maue. We talked about donating more birthday bags to the Brimfield Food Pantry. A motion was made and passed to donate 10 more birthday bags. We will assemble the birthday bags at the next meeting. The guessing jar winner was Maggie Lindahl. An officer meeting was held before the regular club meeting. The officers discussed the club goals for the year and how to get more members involved in each meeting. Orrin Maue reported on the October Federation meeting. Brianna Hayes spoke about the state archery competition. Ashlyn Slayton gave the Clover News update. The next meeting will be held on November 15th at the Brimfield Fire Dept. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14. We would like to thank the Brimfield Fire Dept. for letting us hold the meeting in the building.
-Reporter Ashlyn Slayton

JUBILEE PATRIOTS

The November 15th meeting of the Jubilee Patriots 4-H Club was held via Google Meets. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Orrin Maue. The roll call question was what is your favorite Thanksgiving dish. We had 20 members present. Pledges were led by Emma Slayton. Secretary Emma Slayton read the minutes from the October meeting and treasurer Anna Maue gave the treasurer's report. We discussed going to the Midwest Food Bank and helping local shut ins for our community service projects for December. Ashlyn Slayton talked about the October Federation meeting and gave the Clover News update. Orrin Maue talked about the County Awards night that was held virtually on November 12th. Our next meeting is December 13th at the Brimfield Fire Dept at 6:00 pm. If we are not able to meet in person we will schedule another Google Meets for the same date and time. The meeting was adjourned around 6:45.
-Reporter Ashlyn Slayton

Invite a friend to join 4-H

EDELSTEIN EAGER BEAVERS

The Edelstein Eager Beavers met on Monday, November 16 for a short meeting. There was a small attendance due to increase in covid in our areas. We sat in family groups and spaced out to be socially distant. Hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes were used, and several people wore masks. We all had fun decorating Christmas ornaments for a tree in the Princeville Park. We decorated the ornaments in the theme of 4-H with pompoms, pipe cleaners, and glitter glue. When all the ornaments were finished, we took a packaged snack to go. It is uncertain if we will have our charity bell ringing in December or our annual soup supper in January, due to covid. Hope you all stay healthy and safe.

Submitted by Beth Stahl."

WELCOME NEW 4-H MEMBERS

MIDNIGHT RIDERS

Molly McNutt

Margot McNutt

Megan McNutt

Maysen McNutt / Cloverbud



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.

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>



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