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Peoria Clover News

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

Dear 4-H Families,

Happy Summer! School is out, it's finally warm andthe 4-H Show is only about 8 weeks away! Before we know it, it will be Show time. If you haven't already started on your 4-H projects, now would be a good time to start.

You should have recently received information on how to complete your fair exhibit entries online. This is in addition to enrolling in projects online which hopefully all members have already done. You will need to complete the fair entry online as soon as possible to receive your project entry tags. Also, make sure you read the show book for project requirements, the judging schedule and any other changes that may have been made.

New this summer is our unit wide service learning project "The 10 Gallon Challenge". This project is a great opportunity for all of you to "pledge your hands to larger service" and make a difference in your community.

There are so many fun activities and events happening in 4-H so be sure to read this newsletter for more information.

Sincerely,

Cathy Ludolph
Extension Program Coordinator
4-H Youth Development

TODAY is the day to
learn something **NEW**

The 4-H 10 Gallon Challenge is on!



It's clubs competing against clubs and counties against counties to see who can donate the most dairy products in our Fulton - Mason - Peoria - Tazewell 4-H 10 Gallon Challenge.

The 10 Gallon Challenge is a service learning project for everyone. The point of it is to help families in need get nutritious food. (Dairy products are an important dietary item that most food pantries don't provide). It also helps dairy farmers by increasing demand for dairy. Dairy farmers have had a tough business environment for several years in a row and many are going out of business. All you need to do is buy 10 gallons of milk or any other dairy product that will fulfill your local pantries needs and deliver it to the pantry. Contact your 4-H leader for details of food pantry contacts, business hours, and other useful information to insure success.

Be sure to share your support of the 4-H 10 Gallon Challenge by sharing your photos **#4H10GalChallenge!**

We can't wait to see all of the great ways you are helping create a more food-secure community and supporting dairy farmers.

Submitted by Alanna Magstadt, Neighbor Kids 4-H Club

You can also visit the following website for resources, information and fun learning activities related to the 10 Gallon Challenge for you and your 4-H club:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4hservicelearning/>

Local 4-H EVENTS

June

- 3 Shotgun Shooting Sports, Monday nights starting June 3 thru July 8, 6-8 pm at Chillicothe Sportsman Club
- 4 Federation Meeting– 6-7:30 pm at Kickapoo
- 15 Cat workshop / Fun Show, 10 am - 12 noon at the Peoria Extension office.
- 17 Video / Filmmaking SPIN Club 1st meeting 6 – 7:30 pm at Peoria Extension office. See flyer for more dates & times
- 17 – 21 STEM Academy
- 18 Livestock Superintendent Meeting, 6:30 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall
- 18 Auction Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall
- 24-28 4G STEM Camp

July

- 9 Clothing Judging @ Princeville Museum
- 9 Federation meeting 6—7:30 pm at Kickapoo
- 13 Peoria 4-H Horse Show (HOI Arena, Galena Road)
- 17 4-H Day at the HOI Fair at Expo. Gardens
- 29 Early set up day for 4-H Fair
- 30 thru Aug. 2 - Peoria 4-H Show, Expo. Gardens

August

- 11 General project exhibit day at Illinois State

We need Your Help!

4-H Project Manual Survey

Due to changes at the state and national level staff in Peoria, Fulton, Mason & Tazewell Counties are reviewing the way we distribute 4-H project manuals – and we need your help! Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at <https://go.illinois.edu/ManualSurvey> to let us know how your family utilizes project manuals. Thank you for your time and feedback!

Take the whole family

Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities!

Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4- to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at ardavis1@illinois.edu with any questions or if you need special accommodation.

Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or Korean youth this summer through States' 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!

Be aware:

- 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.
- Applications are due June 1.

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>, or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu

4-H STORYTELLERS

Be authentic | Share truth | Build connections

In July, 4-H members will be invited to become a 4-H Storyteller. In the fall, 20 youth selected from the applicants will be trained by some of Illinois's finest storytellers. The stories may take the form of written word: blogs, poetry, letters. They may take the form of art: photography, art, comics. They may take the form of sound: video, song, podcast. 4-H Storytellers will tell their personal stories, and in doing so, we will see 4-H in action in their lives. Look for more in the July newsletter. This opportunity is open to youth who will be in grades 8 to 11 this fall.

Applicants will be asked to submit two original examples of any of the following things: blogs, poetry, letters, photography, art, comics, video, song, podcast, or other form not listed. The two examples may be of the same form or different forms. Applicants must also answer the following question using whatever medium they want: **What story do you have to tell and why is that topic important to be shared?** The program is sponsored in full by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

Cream of the Crop photo entries due

State Treasurer Michael Frerichs invites youth from across the state, ages 8-18, to submit their most innovative, scenic snapshot that depicts their vision of agriculture in our state. The contest winners will be featured on the new marketing materials for the Ag Invest program. Learn more at https://illinoistreasurer.gov/Businesses/Ag_Invest/Cream_of_the_Crop_Photo_Contest.



Tell the 4-H livestock story

We will be selecting 10 new members of the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Applications are now available online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Choose **Members>Leadership** and scroll to the bottom of the page. Applicants must be 4-H members or recent 4-H alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019. You will serve a 2-year term with the option to apply for a second term.

Cat Workshop

Saturday, June 15



Check out the new cat show classes in the 2019 Show Book.

Are you and your furry friend ready for the Cat Show at the 4-H Fair? In this “hands on” workshop you’ll get tips for showing your cat. Bring your cat in a carrier for a practice FUN show.

- Date: Saturday, June 15
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Location: Peoria Extension office
- To register call the Peoria Extension office at 685-3140

Great Neighbor contest due June 16

Submit a photo with a 200-word description and enter in the Great Neighbor Contest sponsored by Tractor Supply Company. The photo should show how you’re making a difference in your community. Winners will be invited to special activities at the TSC’s Mobile Fair Tour at the Illinois State Fair.

Winners get a plaque and Tractor Supply gift pack. Deadline is June 16. To enter, eligible 4-H and FFA members should visit TractorSupply.com/FairTour to submit their photo and description, review contest rules and regulations, and view a list of fair stops.



COLLEGIATE 4-H

Join Collegiate 4-H at U of I

A great way to meet people at U of I is by joining C4-H, the registered student organization for 4-H alums attending University of Illinois. For more information, contact Brittany Muschetto at uiuccollegiate4h@gmail.com

NEW IN 2019-20

Look for these new projects September 2020. Returning are Child Development and Sports Nutrition projects with NEW manuals to help you learn. GSI will no longer be offered as a project.



End of year award time is approaching

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Award Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.

The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

Each 4-H member has a story to tell and are eligible for our 4-H awards program – tell YOUR stories and see where they take you!

Award applications and records are due to the Peoria Extension office by the end of September. For more information on 4-H awards contact your 4-H leader or call the Extension office at 685-3140.

It's never too early to start on your project record books or award applications!

Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

- Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.
- Your video should relate to one of these topics:
 - *Through 4-H, I've been able to ...
 - *In my 4-H XXXXX project, I've learned
 - *4-H has taught me to care about my community. I've ...
 - *4-H has helped me feel welcomed by
 - *I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...
 - *In the future I want to XXXXX and here's how 4-H has helped ...
- Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, I, Thanks for helping me grow!"
- Send the video file to us at illinois4H@illinois.edu or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.
- Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.
- A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.
- It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to be show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.
- Videos will be accepted from May 1 to August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.
- Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.
- Questions? Email Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu.

Happy Fathers Day ... Sunday, June 16

Club News



LAURA WINNERS

The Laura Winners March 4-H meeting was held on March 17, 2019 at the Laura Church. The meeting was called to

order by President, Kate Colgan. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge was led by Olivia Bird. The minutes were delayed till next meeting and Nicholas Miller gave the treasurer report. Members helped at the Farm Bureau Farmer's Share Breakfast at Expo Garden. Those 4-H members attending were the Colgan, Ferretti, McGrath and Walsh families. Members also got together on February 18 to make blankets for the Linus project. Twenty-three blankets were made and given to this project. Blankets were made from the Brawley, Colgan, Gill, McGrath, Murphy and Walsh families. Caitlyn Murphy reported on the Clover Clinic. The club will be serving food at the Craft Show in Laura on April 13. A signup sheet was passed around for donations and working on that day. Leader Carol expressed the need for everyone to be sure that all projects were sign up and that new Show books will be coming out. Talks were given by Olivia Bird on "Feeding Guinea Pigs", Kyle Bird on "Doing Record Books", Mackenzie Chain on "Raising Guinea Pigs", and Brendan Chain on "How to Shoot a Bow". Refreshments were served by Kate and Jackie Colgan, and Kinsley, Brenner, and Brooks Cowser. Recreation was led by Sophia Miller playing "Who is Missing". Next meeting will be April 28th at the Laura Church at 5:00pm. It will be an ice cream party and everyone is to bring a topping for the ice cream. Please no nuts. The Ferretti and Gill families will bring drinks and ice cream. Talks for next meeting will be Theobald and McFarland families. Olivia Bird motioned to adjourn and Alyvia Cowser seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm. There were 35 members, 2 leaders and 10 adults present.

Reagan Walsh, Reporter



Invite a friend to join 4-H

ELMWOOD ALL-STARS

The Elmwood All Stars held their meeting April 28 at the Methodist church in Elmwood. To start things off we started with pledges and roll call. Done by our president, Sarah Stevens. Next we went on to our secretary's report done by Daniel Peele and treasurer report done by Laura Stevens.

We went over old business and discussed the new business our club had. Towards the end of the meeting we sang to our April birthdays, and found out who the candy jar winner was. Then to finish we adjourned the meeting and listened to some of our club members give their talk.

Slone Windish, Reporter

DUNLAP DYNAMITE

The May 2019, Dunlap Dynamite meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge led by Caroline. For new business we talked about planning our Spirit Display for the 4-H Fair, which we will create at our June meeting. We also started talks and demonstrations: Caroline Tautkus - Dance Types and Jackson Tautkus - Parts of the Archery Bow. Next month more members will do these, too. The next club meeting is scheduled for June 2nd. For our activity after the meeting, we were able to enjoy the nice weather and play outside together!

Caroline Tautkus, Reporter

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

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

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 or by calling the Extension office at (309) 685-3140. Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2019 for consideration. The award winner will be announced during the Barnyard Games at the 4-H Show.

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 or by calling the Extension office at (309) 685-3140. Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2019 for consideration. The award winner will be announced during the Barnyard Games at the 4-H Show.

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 1, 2019. All applicants will be required to participate in the Beef Showmanship Class in 2019 and participate in a required face to face interview on Friday, August 2 at the 4-H Fair.

The winner will be announced at the beginning of the 4-H Auction on Friday, August 2 at the 4-H Fair.

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.



Visit the Peoria County 4-H website!

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Shooting Sports volunteer training on target for July 20-21

Help ensure young people are exposed to everything the outdoors and shooting sports has to offer by becoming a certified 4-H volunteer. Volunteers should apply at their local Extension office who can share ways you can get involved. Volunteers must also complete a weekend training July 20-21 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age. Cost is \$95. Some counties cover the cost of this program. The deadline is early July, but counties must complete screenings prior to registering volunteers, so don't delay.

There are six concentrations of study, and volunteers must choose only one discipline to attend per session. These include archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol, and hunting and outdoor skills, as well as the overall county coordinator training. Remember, volunteers will work with their local Extension 4-H staff to establish or add to an existing shooting sports program in the county. Learn more about the Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports>.



Shooting Sports Volunteers Needed

If you are a shooting sports enthusiast and would like to share your skill with youth....

We are looking for volunteers in all discipline areas. If you or someone you know may be interested please Contact Cathy @ ludolph@illinois.edu or call (309) 685-3140 for more information or to begin the process of applying for this special volunteer role.



Illinois
4-H FOUNDATION

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. 13 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend. Jason Coulter will be the 2019 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee for Peoria County.



Save the date for fall shooting sports contests

Test your skill at the State Shooting Sports contests this fall. Read the age restrictions carefully. You may participate in one, two, three, or all four contests as long as you've received instruction from a certified 4-H instructor in THAT discipline. The top performers this fall may be eligible to compete in the 2020 National 4-H Shooting Sports Contest. Registrations for all State Shoots begins July 15.

Age Requirements for the State Shoots:

- Participants must be enrolled members of an active 4-H Shooting Sports Club for the 2019-20 year, so it is important youth re-enroll as soon as the new year begins in September.
- Youth may only compete in the discipline for which they have received instruction from a certified 4-H volunteer instructor. For example, youth who are members of a shotgun club led by a state-certified shotgun instructor cannot register for the pistol contest unless they have also participated in supervised instruction from a state-certified 4-H pistol instructor.
- Minimum Age: Youth must be at least 14 years of age by Jan. 1, 2020 to compete.
- Maximum Age: Youth must be no older than 18 on Sept. 1, 2019 to participate.

To be selected for the national competition team, youth must not turn 19 before Jan. 1, 2020. Thus, youth in their final year of 4-H who turn 19 in September, October, November, or December 2019 may participate in the state contest but cannot be selected for the national contest.

Shoot dates:

*Shotgun will be held September 14 at the Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill

*Archery will be held September 21 at the Pekin Archers in Pekin.

*Rifle & Pistol will be held September Oct. 12-13 at the Central Illinois Precision Shooting (CIPS), Bloomington

Peoria County 4-H Show News:

The 2019 Peoria County 4-H Show Book is completed and there is one available for each family. Check with your leader for a show book. It is also available on the Peoria County 4-H website at:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/peoria4h/2167.html>

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

- The 2019 Show book is updated with information for the current 2019 4-H show. Throw away or recycle your old 2018 Show book!
- 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.
- 4-H Show at Exposition Gardens – July 31, August 1 & 2 (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)
- Early Set-up – Monday, July 29- We appreciate any and all help on set-up day
- Clothing Judging: Tuesday, July 9, 9:00 am @ Princeville Heritage Museum
- 4-H Horse Show – Saturday, July 13 – HOI Arena, Galena Rd., Peoria

Barn Yard Games

The 2019 Barnyard Games will be on Thursday, August 1, 6:00 pm. Now is the time to start practicing to take home the most popular trophy at the fair!

4-H Silent Auction

All clubs are asked to donate an item or items for the 10th annual Silent Auction at the 4-H Show. Proceeds from the auction go towards scholarships for Peoria County youth to attend 4-H activities.

4-H Spirit Display Contest



All Peoria County 4-H Clubs are invited to create a 4-H Spirit Display at the fair. The goals of the display are to:

- Beautify the 4-H show grounds
- Promote 4-H
- Opportunity for club members to work together on a creative project.
- Display Specifics about your club
- Include club name as part of display, meeting dates, times, location and leader contact info.
- Display can be either a table display or a stall display in one of the livestock barns or something different. Please let the Extension office know in advance what type of display your club will have.
- Set up can be done on early set up day, Monday, July 29 or early Wednesday morning, July 31
- Judging - will take place on Wednesday, and the winner will be announced Friday night at the beginning of the Clothing Review in the Youth Building
- 2019 Theme – “What I LOVE About 4-H the Most Is.....”
- Clubs that have a lot of livestock exhibitors can set up their display in the livestock barn
- Clubs are responsible for bringing all supplies.
- Judges are looking for Creativity, Neatness, Eye Appeal, Use of Theme, Club Name and 4-H used in display.
- Be creative and have fun with your display!
- **NEW IN 2019** - In addition to the “4-H Spirit”



Don't let anyone EVER dull your sparkle





Junior Superintendents

If you are age 12 and older and are interested in a leadership role as a Jr. Superintendent at the county 4-H show please contact Cathy at ludolph@illinois.edu or call 685-3140 for more information.

4-H Auction Friday, August 2

If you are planning to participate in the auction don't forget to complete and submit your Intent to Participate in the 4-H Auction form located in back of the 2019 Peoria County 4-H Show Book. Deadline to submit is July 1, 2019.

Tractor Driving Contest

The 2019 Tractor Driving Contest sponsored by the Farm Bureau Young Leaders will be on Thursday, August 1, 4:00 – 6:00 pm (There will be both a Jr & Sr Division).

Trophies

Trophy sponsorships are needed for the 4-H show. Letters have been sent to everyone that sponsored a trophy last year but each year trophies are always needed. If you or anyone you know is interested in sponsoring a trophy, please contact the Extension office. Sponsorships are \$25 each. Without our great sponsors, we would not have trophies.

Looking For a way to help at the 4-H Fair?

We are always looking for volunteers from ages 12 to 99. From Jr. Show Superintendents to recorders to building supervisors to food stand workers and photographers, we have something for everyone to do! If you are interested, please contact Cathy at ludolph@illinois.edu or 685-3140.

4-H Volunteers are simply the BEST!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 4-H Fair Project Exhibits

To exhibit your projects at the Peoria County 4-H Fair and to receive your exhibit tags you must enter the projects you plan to exhibit online at:

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

This website is separate from the 4-H online enrollment website, however you must be enrolled in 4-H Online in order to enter the projects you plan to exhibit at the 4-H show. Only the projects you are enrolled in will show up on the 4-H Fair entry website. If you have any questions or problems with the fair entry please contact the Extension office at 685-3140.



Understanding 4-H premiums

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H members in the forms of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We currently have no guarantee that those funds will be provided. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.

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 bringing non-perishable canned or boxed food items to the 4-H Show to be donated to area food banks. The club that donates the most items will receive \$25 from Federation towards a fun outing for your club.



4-H Grand Champions from 12 Counties (Knox, Warren, Henderson, McDonough, Mercer, Rock Island, Henry, Stark, Tazewell, Fulton, Mason, Peoria) are invited to compete for the biggest banner in Western Illinois on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 4pm in Knoxville, IL at the Knox County Fairgrounds. The eight Grand Champions from each county that will be invited are the Grand Champion Breeding Heifer and Market Steer from the Beef Show, Grand Champion Breeding Gilt and Market Barrow from the Swine Show, Grand Champion Breeding Ewe and Market Whether from the Sheep Show, and from the Boer Goat Show Champion Breeding Doe and Champion Market Whether. Cash payouts, prizes and awards provided by generous Western Illinois breeders and businesses.

We can't wait to see you at The Throwdown!

State Fair Entry deadlines approaching

The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show is July 1. The show is open to current Illinois 4-H and FFA members. 4-H membership is 8 to 18, thus youth who were 19 and older on Sept. 1, 2018 and too old for 4-H can only enter as FFA alumni. Your entry forms **MUST** be signed by either the county 4-H office where you are a member or by your local FFA instructor who must verify your membership.

Poultry test waived

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has announced that the antigen required to do the poultry pullorum test is currently unavailable and will not be required at the county 4-H & state fair.

Use good animal stewardship practices this summer

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our practice of ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our commitment to safe food production practices. While showing livestock, we are under the watchful eye of the public. Many people attending a local fair may have no idea how livestock is raised. Practicing these guidelines may prevent public misconceptions about livestock production.

- *Provide fresh, clean water to animals at all times.
- *Feed animals on schedule.
- *Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
- *Take extra care on days of extreme weather or activity.
- *Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
- *Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age long before the fair.
- *Arrange for veterinary care in case of an animal emergency.
- *Handle animals in a very humane way.
- *Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and feed additive withdrawal times.
- *Avoid stressing the animal.
- *Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
- *Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and never forcefully hit an animal.
- *Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations.
- *Have a plan of action should a problem arise, and know which fair official or 4-H leader to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
- *Some words, such as "slaughter" or "killed," may cause a negative reaction from people unfamiliar with food production. IF ASKED what happens to your market animal after the fair, consider using words such as "harvested" or "sold to packing company."
- *If questioned or challenged by a stranger or group: Remain calm, be polite, and answer any question the best you can. If you do not know an answer, tell them you will find an adult to explain more.
- *Do not argue or confront an individual or group who may have a different view about livestock production.
- *Individuals may try to initiate a confrontation and use video of the incident on social media. If confronted, walk away, find an adult in authority, or call 911 if you feel threatened.
- *It is natural to think that giving people information will change their minds, but in some extreme cases, people may not want to learn; they want to confront to gain media attention. It is best to walk away without engaging in these situations.

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.

STEAM Clothing & Shopping in Style Project Judging

All STEAM Clothing and non-clothing (sewn & non-sewn) and Shopping in Style project exhibits are judged prior to the 4-H Fair on Tuesday, July 9 at the Princeville Heritage Museum. STEAM Clothing and Shopping in Style projects are not judged at the 4-H Fair but are required to be on display at the 4-H Fair.

Participants that have more than 1 item to be judged should arrive at 9:00 am and those that only have 1 item should arrive for judging between 9:45 - 10:05 am. Selection and announcement of awards will take place at the end of all judging. Please plan to stay until all judging and the announcement of awards is completed. For more information and exhibit guidelines check out the 2019 4-H Show Book or call the Peoria Extension office at 685-3140.

Goat For Sale

The Hellige family from the Jubilee Patriots 4-H Club have a male goat they got from the Discovery Petting Field they would like to sell. For more information please call (309) 678-0188.

Putting on the dog!

Youth who qualify at their local 4-H show may be eligible to compete at the State 4-H Dog Show, Saturday, August 24 in Dixon! Check out all the details online @ 4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-dog-show.

Online ethics certification required for everyone taking 4-H animal projects

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec. **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.**

NOTE: The state 4-H program is reviewing a new program which may replace our current quality assurance and ethics program, but no changes will take effect prior to Sept. 1, 2019.

Running list of state 4-H events:

June

- June 1—**DEADLINE:** Entries for Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show
- 8—Illinois 4-H Communication Contest
- 8 - 15—Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
- 17—State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 23-27—Illini Summer Academies

July

- July 1 -**DEADLINE:** Entry deadline for Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show
- 20-21 -4-H Shooting Sports Training @ 4-H Memorial Camp
- 22—28—Illinois 4-H Jr. Horse Show

August

- 8—18—Illinois State Fair
- 24—Illinois 4-H Dog Show, Dixon

September

- 13-15—Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp



New awards, new scoresheets at Illinois State Fair

4-H members selected at their county to exhibit at the state fair will see some changes in the way exhibits are judged and prizes awarded. Judges at the state fair will use a 10-point scale and give members a score for each element of their exhibit:

- * Their knowledge about the project
- * Their conference presentation of the project
- * The presentation of the exhibit

The new scoresheets are all posted online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair. For each EXHIBIT CLASS, a **champion and reserve champion** will be awarded based on points received.

In addition, **INSPIRE AWARDS** will be given at the judges' discretion for work they wish to highlight or acknowledge. Awards will vary in quantity, description, and type between project areas. These awards will not be based solely on scores. Check back soon for more on the new judging and award systems.

You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 17 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

Could you use \$1,000 for college?

The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses, and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. 4-H age is determined as of January 1, 2019. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest:

Horse: July 24. Send registrations to Debra Hagstrom, U of I Extension Horse Specialist, 386 Animal Science Lab, 1207 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana

Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7. Send registrations to Dan Jennings, U of I Extension Animal Science Educator, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563

Dairy: August 17. Send registration to Dave Fischer, retired U of I Extension Dairy Specialist, 901 Oak Hill St., Trenton, IL 62293.

The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.

Check out the masters at this year's state fair

Each county may send one entry into the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. The contest begins at 7:30 PM Friday, Aug. 9. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/18). You need to supply your own animals for the contest, but may make arrangements to borrow animals from exhibitors at the fair. Top prize is \$500. The contest is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio.

Celebrating volunteers at the IL State Fair

If you are a volunteer leader, be sure to check in at the volunteer booth at the Illinois State Fair General Project Show to receive your special gift.



The Great 4-H Learning Garden at Wildlife Prairie Park

Create beautiful garden artwork, experience new and interesting gardening methods, make new friends, and grow plant foods to feed the animals.

Club members have been meeting monthly thru the winter creating art pieces for the garden. They are now meeting in the garden to plant and create decorative art projects

- Youth ages 8 to 18
- Location: Wildlife Prairie Park, Hanna City
- Register by calling 309-685-3140
- Meeting dates and times may vary due to weather. Please contact leader May Bach at: may.bach223455@yahoo.com for more information.



SHOTGUN SPIN CLUB



- There is only ONE SPOT LEFT
- For Youth ages: 10 to 18
- Meeting Dates: Mondays, June 10, 17, 24 & July 1, 8 & 15 Time: 6:00 -8:00 pm
- Location: Chillicothe Sportsman Club, North of Chillicothe along the IL River
- Cost: \$40 shooting Sports fee to help cover the cost of ammunition
- Register at: [Web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/) or call the U of I Extension office at 685-3140
- NOTE: 1st meeting on June 3 has been cancelled due to flooding so meeting dates have been extended to July 15



Be your dogs
best friend

Dog Obedience Training 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 meets Wednesday nights starting June 5, 5:00 pm @ Peoria Obedience Training Center, 4115 Main St. in Pottstown - Register online at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/>

It's Garden Time! Are you into it?



If you like to be outdoors and are interested in gardening check out these fun 4-H Gardening SPIN Clubs:

- Charter Oak 4-H Garden (Peoria area)
- Day Spring Park 4-H Garden (Peoria area)
- Glasford Green Thumbs 4-H Garden (Glasford)

For more information on meeting dates and times please call the Peoria Extension office at (309) 685-3140



In this 4-H Filmmaking SPIN Club youth will have the opportunity to tell a story by creating a short Documentary Film.

Meeting Dates & Times:

Cost to participate is \$5.00. Register online at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/> or contact the Peoria Extension office for more information.



**We're Looking for
New Members!**

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

Eligibility: Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2019.
Length of service: Two years, so new Team members selected this summer will serve from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

Apply online: go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the application at the bottom of the page under "Resources." **Deadline:** June 7 (for interviews during Illini Summer Academies); July 19 (for interviews during State Fair).

4-H Karate SPIN Club



The Karate 4-H club teaches authentic traditional Japanese Shotokan karate in a stimulating, professional and informative class atmosphere that can be enjoyed by participants of all ages (both boys and girls). Karate is an "empty - hand" weaponless martial art. Students learn karate defensive techniques such as blocking, punching, kicking, evasion from attack, dangerous situation avoidance, common sense self-defense and much more.

- This club is for youth ages 8 to 18
 - Cost: \$20 4-H Program Fee
 - plus \$40 Karate Club fee for each 12 week session
 - The next 12 week session starts Thursday, July 11, 2019 but youth are welcome to join at any time
 - Meetings: Every Thursday night @ 6 pm
 - Location: Kickapoo Township Hall
- For more information or to Register call the Peoria Extension office at (309) 685-3140

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Intent to Participate in 4-H Auction

Friday, August 2 – 7:00 PM

Exposition Gardens



____ Yes, I will participate in the Peoria County 4-H Auction on Friday, August 2, at 7:00 PM. I have read and agree with the 4-H Auction Guidelines in the Peoria County Show Book. I understand animals to be auctioned must be market animals (except horses) and a 2019 4-H project that was exhibited at the Peoria County 4-H Show. All projects must meet quality requirements listed in Auction Guidelines. I agree that if I continue to show my animal (i.e. State Fair) all terms of sale must be completed by September 15. I understand Auction Committee decisions are final. I understand I can only auction one item. (One animal or one project)

I plan to auction one: Rabbit Poultry Other/describe
 Sheep Swine
 Steer Horse

I understand that it is my responsibility to solicit at least two potential bidders. I also understand that I am required to assist with the set up and clean up of the auction.

4-H Member's Signature _____
 Parent's Signature _____
 Printed Name _____ Age _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____ PH _____
 4-H Club _____

Only projects submitted on a completed *Intent to Participate* form will be sold. This will be enforced. Withdrawals will be allowed.

Deadline: July 1, 2019 – For each 4-H member, mail one complete form to the Peoria County Extension Office, 4810 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL 61614 – Attn: Auction Committee

Potential Bidders – (Please put complete addresses.)

Name _____ Name _____
 Add _____ Add _____
 City/Zip _____ City/Zip _____

Promotional materials will be sent to each registered 4-H member and potential buyers listed on this form.



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