



October 2019

Peoria Clover News

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

Dear 4-H Families,

Happy Fall! I hope you all have been able to get outside and enjoy this beautiful weather. Did you know that National 4-H Week is also in October? To celebrate this exciting event we invite your club to participate in the Window Display Contest. Winners of the Window Display Contest will be announced at the annual 4-H Awards Program on November 9.

We have several other exciting 4-H activities and events coming up such as the Air Rifle & Karate SPIN Clubs, and much more, etc. so be sure to check out the rest of the newsletter for important information on upcoming events, meetings and deadlines.

I encourage all 4-H members to get involved in these events! By participating in these fun leadership opportunity's you will gain skills that will last a lifetime! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, e-mail, or stop by the office. 4-H has so much to offer, but it's up to you to get involved.

Sincerely,

Cathy Ludolph
Extension Program Coordinator
4-H Youth Development

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

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

We're Going WILD for



We invite you to join us for the annual

Peoria County 4-H
Member & Volunteer

Recognition of
Excellence
Awards Program



Saturday, November 9, 2019

Brimfield Evangelical Free Church

Hosted by 4-H Federation



National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **INSPIRED to LEAD | CALLED to SERVE**, captures what it means to be a 4-H member. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 6 – 12. Use the hashtag **#inspiredby4H** and **#inspiredtoLEAD** as you share your 4-H activities on social media. Watch our Facebook page for contests all week long.

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN 4-H!

Local 4-H EVENTS

October

- 2 Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm at Peoria Extension office
- 3 Air Rifle SPIN Club begins @ Chillicothe Sportsman Club 5:30—6:30 pm
- 8 Federation meeting, 6 - 7:30 pm at Kickapoo
- 17 Karate SPIN club new 12 week session begins. Held every Thursday @ Kickapoo Township Hall, 6 - 8 pm
- 17 Air Rifle SPIN Club
- 19 Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Monticello, IL
- 26 Intro. to Sewing Workshop, 9 am-12 noon @ Peoria Extension office

November

- 7 Air Rifle SPIN Club
- 9 4-H Awards Program, Brimfield, IL
- 21 Air Rifle SPIN Club

Introduction to Sewing Workshop

Are you interested in learning how to sew? This fun “hands on” workshop is for youth age 8 - 18 with little to no sewing experience. You will gain simple basic sewing skills and complete a sewn item to take home.



DATE: Saturday, October 26, 9 am - 12 pm
COST: \$20.00 supply fee payable to U of I Extension (includes beginner sewing kit, extra fabric, etc.)
LOCATION: U of I Extension Peoria office
TO REGISTER: Call the Extension office at 685-3140 or go online: <https://go.illinois.edu/SewWorkshop>

Coming Events

- October 5 State 4-H Awards Reception, by invitation only
- October 6 – 12 National 4-H Week: Inspired to Lead | Called to Serve
- October 9 – 20 Fall Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply stores
- October 12-13 State 4-H Rifle & Pistol Shoot, Bloomington
- October 18 DEADLINE: Salute to Excellence nominations due
- October 19 Field Certification Training for 4-H Shooting Sports volunteers
- October 21 DEADLINE: Youth in Action award applications due
- November 1 DEADLINE: for all state awards, including Key Award, Experience Award, State 4-H Award, Vet Med Award, and the Leadership, Citizenship, and Professionalism Award.
- November 1 DEADLINE: for all state scholarships, including Legacy of Leadership and Livestock Scholarships
- November 9 Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Adams County, Quincy

Additional Supplies needed:

- If you have a sewing machine at home we encourage you to bring it, if not please let us know and one will be provided.
- Parents with little to no sewing experience are welcome and encouraged to stay and learn too.
- A beginner sewing kit, fabric and thread for an additional completed project will be supplied and can be taken home.

State Award deadline is earlier! Submit by November 1

IMPORTANT: The state deadline for awards has been changed to November 1. Don't miss your chance to apply. Award applications are available online at go.illinois.edu/4Happy:

Key Award: This award focuses on Leadership, Community Service and Mentoring. Members 16-19 are eligible for this award.

State 4-H Award: Members may apply in any or all of the five award categories:

Communications, Community Service, Leadership, Personal Growth, and/or Project Mastery. State winners in these categories can receive educational scholarships or trips to national events. This award is open to members 15-18.

Vet Science Award: Outstanding members enrolled in the 4-H Veterinary Science Project are eligible to apply for a \$200 cash award. Check with your county for their deadline for this award.

4-H Leadership, Citizenship, and

Professionalism Award: Applicants must be 17-19 and exemplify leadership, citizenship and professionalism skills. This award is sponsored by the Illinois Farm Bureau and Affiliate Companies. Winners will be invited to a 3-day Premier 20 Youth Leadership Conference in April.

Experience Award: 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 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 to submit this application. This award is open to 4-H members of all ages!

4-H Program Fee

The 4-H Program fee will remain at \$20.00 for this year. For those enrolling online you may choose to pay online at time of enrollment or send a check to the Peoria office. Leaders may collect the fees and bring them to the Extension Office at any time. No one is denied membership because of inability to pay. There will be a family cap of \$60.00 per family.

Congratulations



Peoria Shooting Sports Archery Team receives 1st Place!

Peoria County 4-H Shooting Sports Archery team members Annemarie Litwiller, Breanna Hayes, Alexa Salverson and Celton McGinns competed at the IL State 4-H Shooting Sports Archery competition held in Pekin, IL on Saturday, September 21. The team received 1st place in the state for the Team Archery Compound Bow division. Three members of the team also placed in the top ten individual Compound Bow division receiving 4th, 9th & 10th place. The team were recognized for their accomplishment and presented their 1st place plaque to the Extension office at the 4-H Leaders meeting held on October 2. Congratulations to the Peoria Archery Team for a job well done!



Livestock Judging Team

Would you like to hang out with friends and learn more about your livestock project? If you answered yes...the Livestock Judging Team is for you! This group will meet every other Monday, 6 - 8 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, October 7. For location and more information please contact Coach Kristi Smith at: kristilynnsmith530@gmail.com Youth age 8 - 8 are welcome to join.

Invite a friend to join 4-H

SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

Nominate an outstanding volunteer

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office.

The award categories are:

Volunteer of the Year – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region, and state level.

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by **Friday, October 18, 2019.**

Volunteer Screening

A state requirement of the 4-H Program is that we must screen all new volunteers and have certain information on file for all volunteers. Any new leaders must complete a set of three screening forms and complete the ANCRA training online. The volunteer screening forms are good for five years and then must be updated. The ANCRA training needs to be done only once. Adults will not be viewed as 4-H leaders until their screening forms have been processed and are back from the state. Please be sure your adult volunteers are all screened so they can legally be viewed as 4-H leaders. If your club has just one leader it is suggested to have at least one more person be screened to take your place during an absence. Screening forms will soon be sent to all volunteers whose five years are near completion and need to be updated.

Join inspiring Illinois 4-H teen in service to others

Illinois 4-H member and 2020 Miss Central Illinois Outstanding Teen Elizabeth Weidner of Effingham County is inviting members and clubs to help with an amazing service project. Elizabeth wants to provide needed personal items to families whose children are being treated at Children's Miracle Network hospitals and Ronald McDonald houses. She is asking your help collecting:

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Shower gel/soap/moisturizer
- Deodorant
- Razors and shaving cream
- Toothbrush/toothpaste/mouthwash
- Combs/brushes
- Baby wash

These items will be stocked in nurse stations and available to families who need items. In addition, Elizabeth is collecting:

- Pre-packaged snacks, cereals, oatmeal, chocolates, and hard counties
- Small packets of teas, coffee, creamer, sugar, sweetener
- Packages of hot chocolate, teas, juice boxes

Learn more @ <https://www.facebook.com/crownsfightcancer>. Elizabeth is a stage IV high risk neuroblastoma cancer warrior survivor and patient of Children's Miracle Network hospitals. For more information, one may call 217-925-5700. Elizabeth wants to deliver her items in late fall, so plan your campaigns soon!

4-H Federation Meeting

4-H Federation membership is open to any 4-H member age 13 and older. We invite you to attend the next Federation meeting and participate in our fun events. You'll meet new friends and get involved in countywide leadership activities. Federation meets the 2nd Tuesday each month, 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Kickapoo Township Hall. New officers for the 2019-2020 year are:

Next meetings: Tuesday, October 8, 6-7:30 pm. & November 12, 6 - 7:30 pm

4-H Volunteers are the BEST!



Take a trip across the globe

Visit exciting new places as part of the 2020 States' 4-H International

Exchange program. Check out this line-up:

Costa Rica: June 18 – July 17. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$800 to \$1,300). Ages: 15 – 18.

Japan: July 8 – August 6. Cost \$2,725 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.

Japan: June 18 – August 6. Cost \$3,875 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.

Norway: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.

South Korea: July 15 – August 13. Cost \$2,430 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.

Taiwan: June 28 – July 28. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.

Romania: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.

The first deposit and application are due December 1. Second deposit is due February 1. For more information, check out their website @ states4hexchange.org/.

We hope you plan to join us for the 4-H Member & Volunteer Awards Program on Saturday, November 9!



Visit the Peoria County 4-H website!

<https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-peoria-county>



Paper Clover Campaign returns in October

Dates for the Fall Paper Clover Campaign, held in conjunction with Tractor Supply Stores and National 4-H Council, are October 9 - 20. Money donated during the campaign STAYS in that local county. The campaign runs twice a year.

Shoppers at the TSC stores will have the opportunity to support 4-H in their county by choosing to purchase paper clovers for \$1 or more at checkout.

If you or your club would like to volunteer for an hour or two to help promote the Clover Campaign at the TSC in Peoria on anytime during Oct. 9 – 20 please contact the Extension office. More Clovers are sold when 4-H members are present.



Who will win \$5,000?

The Youth in Action Award honors four 4-H members who have gained critical life skills through their 4-H experience and have used those skills to overcome a challenge or challenges they have faced. Each of the honorees epitomize 4-H youth empowerment and leadership. In addition, the winners have demonstrated the positive impact they've made with their family, peers, and community through their 4-H experiences.

Nominate outstanding 4-H members in four different categories: Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. Each winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, be featured as the 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar area, receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards, and network with celebrities and prominent 4-H alumni. Learn more at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>. Deadline for application is October 21.

Internship with Illinois Pork Producers available

The Illinois Pork Producers Association wants you as its 2020 State Ambassador intern. You'll represent the association and the pork industry during the coming year for a full year and will work from the Springfield office during the summer (May - August 2020).

Main duties include managing the birthing center during the Illinois State Fair, attending Summer Ag Institutes, completing a project of his/her choosing (to be discussed with staff), and various other tasks. The internship is education and communication focused. A \$4,500 scholarship will be provided to the intern upon successful completion of the internship. Start date will depend on the student's school schedule, and end date will be after the conclusion of the State Fair.

Qualifications:

- Must be an Illinois resident between the ages of 18 and 23 (Must be age 18 by Jan 1, 2020)
- Must exhibit strong communication, organization and leadership skills
- Must exhibit a genuine interest in the Illinois pork industry and be able to speak on behalf of it
- Recommended that he/she has attended Illinois Livestock Leadership Institute (Previously IPLI)
- Must be a member (or become a member) of the Illinois Pork Producers Association
- Must have reliable transportation and be willing to travel to out-of-state training and functions
- May only serve one year

Application deadline is OCTOBER 31, 2019. For application information, one may contact Jenny Jackson at jenny@ilpork.com or 217-529-3100.

BOOKS aren't just made of
WORDS... they're also
filled with **PLACES** to visit
and **PEOPLE** to meet.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: New Certification Required for Youth Exhibiting Livestock

Who has to take it? What species?

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system (Swine, Sheep, Goats, Beef Cattle & Dairy Cattle) will be required to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animal** certification (YQCA).

YQCA will replace former trainings: PQA and QAEC. This program is the industry-standard certification. YQCA training will be offered by the Extension office in the spring of 2020 or can be done online. The training must be completed each year. Watch future newsletters for training dates.

YQCA Exempt:

4-H members exhibiting Horses, Rabbits, Poultry, dogs, and cats will still be required to take the **Quality Assurance and Ethics (QAEC)** training. This training is only required once in the 4-H member's career and is done online

Join the *Speaking for Illinois* 4-H Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. The training is **Saturday, November 9** at the Adams County Extension Office in Quincy.

The day-long training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training which helps cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Use the following link to register and get additional details:

go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.

Invite a friend to join 4-H

Air Rifle SPIN Club

for youth age 8 - 18

It's not too late to join.

This group will meet at the Chillicothe Sportsman Club on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

Meeting dates are: Thursdays, October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21 and December 5 & 19

Cost: \$15 Shooting sports fee for those providing their own gun. \$20 shooting sports fee for those using a provided gun. Shooting sports fee is in addition to the \$20 4-H Program Fee.

Equipment: Air rifles are provided by the Peoria Co. Shooting Sports Program for those that do not have their own. Each shooter is required to provide their own eye protection.

To register online: <https://go.illinois.edu/FallAirRifleShootingSports> or for more information contact the Peoria Extension office at (309) 685-3140.



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
- Next 12 week session starts Thursday, October 17
- 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



One day is all you need

Become a certified 4-H shooting sports instructor

Help ensure young people are exposed to everything the outdoors and shooting sports has to offer by becoming a certified 4-H shooting sports volunteer.

Your first stop is the local Extension office where staff will discuss the current program in our county.

Complete the required application and background checks. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age.

Pay the \$60 registration cost that covers three meals, snacks, instructor curriculum, hat, and all necessary equipment and materials for the training.

Staff will complete your registration.

Registration is due October 9.

Attend certification training from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, October 19 at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Do not bring firearms or bows. Do bring eye and ear protection.

Complete additional online training.

Check back in with the county Extension staff to begin volunteering.

There are six concentrations of study, and volunteers must choose only one discipline: 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

Don't miss the 4-H Awards Program on November 9



Club News

EDELSTEIN EAGER BEAVERS

The first meeting of our new 4H year was held on Monday, September 16th, 2019 at Wieland's shed. The meeting was called to order by our new leader, Hannah Martin, who is taking the place of Cathy Stahl. Pledges, roll call, and reports were given and two thank you notes were read. We welcomed several new members! Marjory LaFont handed out this year's Clovers and discussed online enrollment. Plans were made to ride in the Princeville Homecoming Parade on October 4th and Brie and Ali Ehnle offered to host the October family wiener roast. The main part of our meeting was to elect new officers. After an exciting evening of voting, this year's officers are:

Jessica Williamson – President

Kyle Stahl – Vice President

Chloe Blunier – Secretary

Noah Herrmann – Treasurer

Kassie Stahl – Reporter

Brie Ehnle – Historian

Ryan and Kyle Stahl, Chloe Blunier, and Jessica

Williamson – Federation Delegates

The new officers met with Hannah and Marjorie to set a date for the planning meeting. After the meeting was adjourned, the kids played basketball and volleyball in the shed. Refreshments were provided by the Rod and Cathy Stahl family.

Respectfully submitted, Kassie Stahl

Membership Challenge!

Let's grow our membership numbers! Here is your challenge — for each current 4-H family - invite one new family to join 4-H. The best advertisement is friends inviting friends. When your club has its first meeting of the new 4-H year, please invite a new family to attend!

Another great idea is to have one of your club's families assigned the task of keeping the new families informed as you go through the year. We don't want anyone missing out on important opportunities and deadlines.



Have you heard the news? We're going WILD for 4-H at the Awards program on Saturday, November 9. Hope to see you there!



WELCOME NEW 4-H MEMBERS

Edelstein Eager Beavers

Tristan Baer

Karate SPIN Club

Ross Schaffer

Lillian Schaffer

Elmwood All-Stars

Chloe Briggs

Jubilee Patriots

Jordyn Carroll



Club Reporters

We love to hear what your club is doing. Please submit your club meeting information to the Extension Office at ludolph@illinois.edu so we can highlight your clubs activities in the monthly newsletter.

Attention Newly Elected Secretary's & Treasurers

The 4-H Secretary and Treasurer Books are only available online and are available in a writable format. If you need a printed copy please let your leader know or call the Extension office and we will print a copy for you. The link for these resources is:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/meeting-resources>

4-H Club T-Shirt Designs

If your club is designing and ordering T-shirts, please send a copy of the design to Cathy before you submit your order, to make sure all 4-H emblem policies are followed. It is a federally trademarked emblem.

SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARDS

Get money for college

The deadline for **state scholarship** has also been changed to November 1. Apply online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships for these scholarship opportunities:

- **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship:** Fifteen \$1,000 scholarships are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due November 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.
- **Livestock Scholarship:** \$1,000 scholarship opportunity for youth who have demonstrated project mastery in their livestock area. Open to current high school seniors who have completed a minimum of 3 years in a Livestock Project and plan to pursue a college degree in the agriculture industry. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.



COLLEGIATE 4-H

College isn't the end of your 4-H career

If you are a 4-H'er or know a 4-H member heading to University of Illinois,

Champaign-Urbana campus, check out Collegiate 4-H! Collegiate 4-H is a registered student organization that provides opportunities to continue strengthening your leadership skills and be engaged in service to others. In addition to the leadership and service benefits, Collegiate 4-H also creates an opportunity for positive social engagement with other college students who, like you, have been a part of 4-H. One may contact Collegiate 4-H Club President Brittney Muschetto @ uiuccollegiate4h@gmail.com.

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