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Peoria Clover News

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

Dear 4-H Families,

Spring is finally here! I hope you are all out enjoying this beautiful warmer weather. Soon it will be summer and 4-H Fair time. If you haven't already, now would be the time to start on your 4-H projects.

This is also the time of year when summer 4-H events and activities will soon be happening. Some of these events will be virtual and some may be in person so please be sure to read your newsletters for more information.

Cathy Ludolph
Extension Program Coordinator
4-H Youth Development

Congratulations 2021 Graduates!



Congratulations and best wishes to the following graduating Seniors:

Kyle Bird, Sophie Bonati, Ashleigh Brawley, Olivia Caldwell, Carrie Gill, Abigail Giles, Brianna Hayes, Rebekah Lindahl, Kayla Piper, Emma Salverson, Ryan Stahl, Jenessa Unsicker & Mason Youngman.



Leaders Wanted that LOVE TO FISH



We want to hear how you are impacting your community!

Register your service outreach efforts (or outreach plans!) for the months of **March, April, May and June** that demonstrate support of your communities. Link to register your event: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>

New 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu to submit a request!



Local 4-H EVENTS

MAY

- 1 Egg-Citing Science virtual SPARK Camp at 10am
- 4 Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 pm
- 5 YQCA Training, 6:30 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall
- 11 Federation meeting, 6 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall

JUNE

- 8 Federation meeting, 6 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall
- 21 Livestock Superintendent meeting, 7 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall
- 21 Auction Committee meeting 8 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall

State 4-H Upcoming Dates

- May 15 Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit
- May 20 Virtual Volunteer Café Conversations
- June 4 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- June 5 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at 4-H Memorial Camp
- June 5 State Public Speaking Contest
- June 27 – July 1 Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
- July 11- 23, 2021 Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience
- July 24 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Camp Gardner in Hull
- July 25 – Aug. 1 ISF Junior Horse Show
- July – August In-Bound Exchange Program Summer 2021

STEM Academy

Have you ever wondered how Facebook suggests the names of friends in photos or how apps recognize the sounds of birds or the plants in your yard? STEM Academy 2021 will be looking at just those questions as we dive into the world of neural networks and machine learning (tinyML). Students will be working with an Arduino Tiny Machine Learning Kit and Edge Impulse to train the device to recognize images and sounds.

STEM Academy sessions will be June 14-18, from 10-11:30 a.m. online and are open to youth entering 6th-8th grades. Due to the limited capacity of the academy, there is an online application process. Applications are due May 17 and selected participants will be notified by May 21. Participants will pick up a kit at the University of Illinois Extension office in Peoria prior to the sessions that will include the materials they need, as well as some fun additional activities. Plus, students will keep their project at the end of the STEM Academy and will have opportunities to continue working with the platform.

Interested youth can learn more at: [go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy](https://www.illinois.edu/STEMacademy).

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

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

Just so you know

- **The 2021 Peoria County 4-H Show is July 28, 29 & 30 at Exposition Gardens**
- Peoria County 4-H Horse Show is Saturday, July 17 at the Heart of IL Horse Arena on Galena Road, Peoria
- Illinois State Fair will run August 12-22.
- Peoria County day at State Fair will be Friday, August 13

State Fair Book

The 2021 Illinois State Fair Premium Book is now posted to the State Fair website – link below.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx>

Invite a friend to join 4-H

Celebration of Excellence / Illinois 4-H Awards & Recognition

ILLINOIS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP / AWARD HONOREES

Recipients of this award will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. This award is given in nine areas. These young adults were selected from applications submitted in Fall 2020 for activities during the 2019-20 4-H year. The following Peoria County alumni/members were recognized at the State Awards Program on April 10,

SARAH STEVENS

Food Systems Scholarship

Peoria County | Elmwood All-Stars, Peoria County 4-H Federation, Clover Clinic Teen Teacher



Sarah has fostered quite the green thumb! Sara propagated and started seeds mid-February, then grew fruits and vegetables, sold the produce for a project, and exhibited her produce at the fair. She also values giving back to her community and volunteered her time to assist in service projects such as the Birthday Bag, Camp Big Sky, and the Midwest Food Bank.

"4-H taught me leadership skills. I am thankful for the variety of projects that I took over the years and the knowledge I gained."

EDUCATION and CAREER: Sarah will be attending Illinois State University to obtain a bachelor's degree in Horticulture and Landscape Management. She aspires to start a fruit, vegetable, and plant greenhouse production business.

EMMA SALVERSON

Food Systems Scholarship

Peoria County | Elmwood All-Stars



Emma's projects have led her indoors and outdoors to perfect her skills. Time in the kitchen has proven beneficial to her candy making, cake decorating, and cooking interests. She expands her creativity through gardening and photography projects. Attending the Clover Clinics has provided the opportunity for Emma to connect with others interested in gardening, scrapbooking, and community service.

"4-H is an organization that gave me many great opportunities to develop new skills. I credit 4-H with getting me started in baking, which has become a hobby I love and a career I'm pursuing."

EDUCATION and CAREER: Emma plans to attend Johnson and Wales University in Charlotte, NC this fall to pursue a BA in Baking and Food Business Management.



Invite a friend to join 4-H



Join us for 4-H Volunteer

Café Conversations

Thursday, May 20, 7 PM

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations** Thursday, May 20 at 7pm. Volunteers meet to discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. Bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

Registration link: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Remember – 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug!



Where will you explore in 2022?

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

Travel abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 – 8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August 2022)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November
<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org> or contact us by email: Miriam Rosenbohm at rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes at ehugh2@illinois.edu
<https://www.facebook.com/illinoisstates4hexchange/> Instagram
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Invite a friend to join 4-H



4-H Family Camp | Experience the fun of summer camp right along with your kids!

Enjoy your own family cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat right in central Illinois. While at camp your family can swim, boat, shoot archery, climb the rock wall, make arts & crafts, fish, take hayrack rides, participate in S.T.E.M. activities, hike, make s'mores over a campfire, and so much more!

Ready to camp? Sign up for the June 6-8, June 18-20 or July 9-11 sessions at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp21>

Club Activity Idea!

Are you looking for a fun, hands-on activity for your next club meeting? We can help! Our 4-H Teen Teachers and staff will lead your club through Curbing Our Carbon Appetite, the new 4-H Ag Innovators Experience that explores food systems and climate change. We can accommodate virtual or in-person meetings and adapt the program to your time frame and age groups. Express your interest at: https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bqk9mtmulMvVz49, and we'll get in touch with you to provide more details.



Outdoor Summer FUN!

Join us at the Wildlife Prairie Park 4-H Great Learning Garden. On May 8th at 1pm we have a creative meeting scheduled. We will create a rainbow art project as part of our colors in the garden program, and learn about the reasons pumpkins are orange, tomatoes are red, and blueberries are blue, plus all the other colors in between too. Our summer work days for 2021 are Tuesday and Friday morning starting at 9:30 am. For more information about the Garden SPIN club contact Leader May Bach, U of I Extension Master Gardener and Master Naturalist at (309) 397-5008 or send email to may.bach23455@yahoo.com or contact the U of I Extension Peoria office at 685-3140.



4-H Dairy SPIN Club

In this fun and exciting special interest club youth age 8 - 18 will have the opportunity to experience all facets of dairy farming with several “hands on” activities. Participants will explore topics such as: milking, calving, feed & nutrition, health & vaccinations and much, much more. Youth will also have the opportunity to lease a dairy cow to exhibit at the 2019 Peoria County 4-H Show. Youth do not need to live on a farm or own a dairy cow to participate.

Location: Linden Hill Dairy Farm, Bartonville, IL

To sign up or for more information contact the University of Illinois Extension Peoria office at (309) 685-3140 or contact club leader Fred Rosenbohm at (309) 697-4041



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 will meet once a week starting Thursday, April 8, 6:00 pm at the Peoria Obedience Training Center, 4115 Main St. in Pottstown. This group will meet every week until the 4-H Dog Show in late July.

To register online: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-04-08-dog-obedience-training-4-h-spin-club-peoria-county>

PLEASE NOTE: Due to covid restrictions space is limited - first come, first serve - so be sure to register as soon as possible.

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. Youth age 8 - 8 are welcome to join. The state 4-H Livestock Judging Contest is June 4, 2021. For location and more information please contact Coach Kristi Smith at: (309)-645-7885 or kristilynnsmith530@gmail.com

4-H CLUB NEWS

ELMWOOD ALL-STARS

The Elmwood All-Stars 4-H club held a meeting on April 18 at 6:00pm. Pledges were led by Annemarie Litwiller and a roll call was taken by our secretary, Avery Blunier, with the topic of, "What is your favorite color?". The secretary report was given by Avery and was approved as read. The treasurer report was then given by President Laura Stevens and will be filed for audit. In Old Business our club discussed 4-H re-enrollment. Moving into New Business, we started with a federation news update from Laura. We then discussed that there will be no porkchop or plant sale this year. Next our club discussed the Clover News with details including, 4-H Spark Camps, Public Speaking Contest, Peoria County 4-H Horse Show, the Peoria County 4-H Show, Peoria County State Fair day, SPIN Clubs, and Scholarships. Moving on in New Business, we talked about the YQCA and Quality Assurance training. Next, our club recognized our April birthdays. Happy birthday to Reagan and Brendan! Lastly in New Business, we did a binder then the meeting was adjourned. A talk was then given by John Showman with the topic of Lock Picking. After our meeting, our club did an activity that included every member saying their favorite animal. The Elmwood All-Stars next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 16, at 6:00pm. *Submitted by Jacob Gilles*

4G STEM Camp

For five years, 4G STEM Camp has helped young women overcome barriers by introducing girls to careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). This year, the tradition will continue with a new hybrid delivery model! 4G (Girls + Games + Gadgets = Genius) STEM camp will include five sessions of hands-on activities, experiments, and fun while local professionals offer information about their career pathways into STEM-related fields.

The program will kick off with an in-person session at the Peoria Riverfront on June 14 at 1 to 4 p.m., with appropriate safety precautions in place. Here, participants will learn about space-making on the riverfront and receive activity kits with all materials needed for the rest of the camp sessions. Virtual sessions will follow on June 16, 21, 23, and 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. Topics of these sessions will include engineering, anatomy, agriculture, art, and more!

4G STEM Camp is open to young women entering sixth, seventh, or eighth grades. The cost for participants is \$50, and fee waivers are available. Visit go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMcamp to register or learn more.

WELCOME NEW 4-H MEMBERS

Midnight Riders

Kenlee Heider
MaKendra Kreichgauer
Elizabeth Dixon
Kayley Theil
Felicity Lane
Scarlett Lane
Ethan Hall
Sawyer Sidwicke

Laura Winners

Tessa Wineinger (CB)
Sadie Bays
Peoria Clovers
Ahana Naik

Elmwood All-Stars

Ty Dawson
Drew Dawson



Shooting Sports Instructor

Certification Training info.

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

- June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)
- July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

Contact the Peoria Extension Office for registration information. <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>
Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu

Jason Coulter Memorial Beef Award (\$500)

This 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. The Jason Coulter Memorial 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 can be found on the Peoria 4-H website at: https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/jason_coulter_memorial_award.pdf

Applications must be received at the Peoria County Extension office no later than July 1 of the year applying. All applicants will be required to participate in the Beef Showmanship Class the year applying and participate in a required face to face interview the Friday of the 4-H Show. The award winner will be announced in July. Sponsored by the 4-H Auction Committee.

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

Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2019 for consideration. The award winner will be announced in July.

Bob Forney Memorial Poultry Award (\$500)

This award is available to current Peoria County 4-H members who are 10-18 years of age, are currently enrolled in 4-H and enrolled in the poultry project. There will be one award presented. The Bob Forney Memorial Award will be for \$500 and paid directly to the award recipient. Once a member has been awarded the Bob Forney Memorial Award they are ineligible to reapply. Applications can be found on the Peoria 4-H website at: https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/bob_forney_memorial_award_.pdf

Applications must be received at the Peoria County Extension office no later than July 1 of the year applying. All applicants will be required to participate in the Poultry Showmanship Class the year applying and participate in a required face to face interview the Friday of the 4-H Show. The award winner will be announced in July. Sponsored by the 4-H Auction Committee.

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

Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2020 for consideration. The award winner will be announced in July.

Bob Forney Community Service Memorial Scholarship (\$200)

This award is available to any 4-H or FFA member (High School Junior, Senior, or College Freshman) that attends a Peoria County school or is enrolled in a Peoria County 4-H Club. The purpose of the award is to recognize youth for their outstanding community service involvement and to honor Bob Forney for his many years of community service both to 4-H and the Brimfield Fire Department. This award is sponsored by the Jubilee Patriots 4-H Club. For more information or to request an award application send an email to: jubileepatriots4h@yahoo.com. Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2021. Winners will be announced on Friday at the Peoria County 4-H Fair.

Support for the Bob Forney Memorial Scholarship Fund would be greatly appreciated. Your donations can be sent to the F&M Bank in Brimfield to the Jubilee Patriots 4H Club Forney Scholarship Fund or Venmo link.



Continue Bob's legacy with your donation today.
Questions: jubileepatriots4h@yahoo.com

4-H Meetings

4-H clubs can now meet face to face in groups of up to 50 or 50% room capacity. This includes all attending (members, leaders, parents, siblings, etc.) Clubs are also welcome to continue meeting via Zoom or another virtual platform. If anything changes 4-H Leaders will be notified.

C.L.U.E. Camp

Is your Cloverbud ready to explore some amazing things about energy? Then join our C.L.U.E. (Children Looking Undercover for Energy) Camp on June 10, 17 and 24! We will meet virtually from 10-11 a.m. to learn about energy and do some exciting experiments. C.L.U.E Camp is open to youth ages 5-7, and kits will be available at the University of Illinois Extension offices in Fulton, Mason, Peoria and Tazewell Counties prior to the first session of camp. Register at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23589>



Champion Equity-Related Work in Your Community!

From September 10-12 and on October 9, 2021 the True Leaders in Equity Institute will prepare up to 20 teams to be change agents to create more welcoming and inclusive environments in 4-H. At the Institute, your team will gain a deeper understanding of equity and inclusion, choose an issue to focus on, develop new skills, create an action plan for when you return home! Link to apply by June 30th:
https://4-h.org/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/?utm_campaign=&utm_source=&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20210401&utm_term=&utm_variation=&cldee=bGJkaWF6QGlsbGlub2lzLmVkdQ%3d%3d&recipientid=contact-3da8eca908ebe911910a001dd8b71c7f-09e427a20d42412f9ee309bc1a33765a&esid=ff013f38-b590-eb11-9101-00155dcb3a50



Club Reporters

We love to hear what your club and its member are doing even during this challenging time. Please let us know what your club is up to. 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>



Now accepting submissions!

BLUE RIBBON PROJECT CONTEST

Compeer Financial knows how much you love your fair. We appreciate the determination and dedication you put into your projects every year.

That is why we are proud to continue our Blue Ribbon Project contest. We want to recognize 4-H and FFA members who have been working hard all year on their projects.

Submit a picture of your project — from aerospace to woodworking and everything in between — and a brief description of how your project champions rural America.

Monetary prizes will be awarded in various categories based on age and location. Plus, the first 1,000 entries receive a free t- shirt.

Visit compeer.com/BlueRibbon to learn more, including submission details, rules and prizes.

Deadline for submissions:
JUNE 1, 2021

Submit essays and see full contest details at:
compeer.com/BlueRibbon





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