



October 2021

# The Clover News

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

Dear 4-H Families,

Happy Fall! October is great month to pick pumpkins, sip apple cider, and enjoy the beautiful weather. Did you know that National 4-H Week and Hispanic Heritage Month also fall in October? Keep reading to find some fun ways to get involved, and to learn about the other great 4-H opportunities we have coming up!

Be sure to enroll in 4-H Online so you're ready to join in on the 4-H fun that happens all year! We have links to helpful tips and tricks to help you with the process. And if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out!

Sincerely,

*Judy, Emily, & Katharine*

Judy Schmidt

4-H Youth Development Educator, Metro

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4-H Youth Development Educator, Multi-County

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4-H Program Coordinator, Tazewell County

## Connect with Us Online!

Follow along on state and local pages for news, updates, and announcements! If your club has a picture or story you'd like to feature on the social media pages, send it our way!

[Illinois 4-H Facebook Page](#)

**Instagram:** @illinois4h

**Twitter:** @illinois4h

[Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit Extension Facebook Page](#)

[Peoria County 4-H Facebook Page](#)

[Tazewell County 4-H Facebook Page](#)

**Website:** <https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt>

**Connection Corner Blog:** <https://extension.illinois.edu/blogs/connection-corner>

## Let's Make it Official

Remember, no one is "officially" part of 4-H until they're approved on [4-H Online](#) – and that goes for leaders, too! Be sure that your family gets enrolled so you don't miss out on any 4-H fun! The [Family Enrollment Guide](#) walks you through the whole process.

Note: Some families have been struggling with credit card payments on 4-H online. We recommend that you delete any stored CC info and re-enter prior to payment. You can find instructions to do so [HERE](#).

The 4-H program fee will remain at \$20 per youth participant, with a family cap of \$60. However, no one will be denied membership due to inability to pay. If you need a fee waiver, complete [THIS FORM](#) and return it to your local Extension Office.

As always, if you have any questions, give us a call!



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¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana! Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year from Sept 15 to Oct 15. This month celebrates not only the histories and cultures, but also the contributions, of American citizens whose ancestors come from the Caribbean, Spain, Mexico, and Central/South America. Ready to celebrate? Learn how [HERE](#) or visit [Connection Corner](#) for more ideas!

# Around the State...

Share your expertise in and passion for agriscience with a national youth and adult audience!

National 4-H Council is now accepting presentation proposals from adult and teen presenters for the 2022 National 4-H Youth Summit (N4-HYS) on Agri-Science to be held in the Washington, DC area, **March 10-13, 2022**. Find general conference information at <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>. [Full details available here](#) and submissions are due by October 3<sup>rd</sup>!



2021 Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference presents ...

## The Game of Leadership

October 16-17, 2021



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## It's Paper Clover time at TSC

Between Oct 6 - 17, stop by your local Tractor Supply Co. to purchase a paper clover and support 4-H camp and leadership events. In 2020 and 2021, Paper Clover funds were used in the Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit to cover the costs of Clover Camp, our virtual workshop series. Be sure to participate in the Paper Clover Campaign at our local TSCs to help us do more great programs!



### IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!

OCTOBER 6-17<sup>TH</sup> 2021

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



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The **Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC)** is a fun-filled event which provides junior high 4-H members (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades) a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H projects and leadership, such as communication, decision making, and teamwork while engaging in hands-on activities. October 16 or 17 from 9:30am-5pm at Decatur Hotel & Conference Center. Registration Deadline is Oct. 1. Learn more at [go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc).



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HEALTH

## Become Livestock Ambassador!

The State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team application is now open through November 1<sup>st</sup>. LAT members need to be 16-21 years of age as of September 1, 2021. Click [HERE](#) to learn more or apply!

# Around the State...



## Mark your calendars!

National 4-H Week is October 3-9! Illinois 4-H will have Spirit Week with special days to celebrate each day of that week. Tag @illinois4H on Instagram or send us your post in Facebook messenger for a chance to be featured on our stories/feed!

- **Service Project Sunday** – Give back to your community today with an individual or club service project.
- **Member Monday** – Show that you are a proud 4-H member! Change your profile picture to National 4-H Week and post a pic in your 4-H shirt with 5 reasons you love 4-H on socials/stories.
- **Time Machine Tuesday** – Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career vs. now.
- **Why 4-H Wednesday** – Share why someone should join 4-H either in person or on social media/stories.
- **Thankful Thursday** – Thank someone who supported you in 4-H!
- **Favorite Project Friday** – Share a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project
- **Spirit Saturday** - Show your 4-H spirit! Wear your favorite 4-H shirt today or show off your 4-H swag.



## Registrations for 2021 State Shoots open!

Visit the [Shooting Sports Competition Website](#) for more information.

- **Rifle and Pistol:** Sat., Oct. 2 and 3, 2021 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL—Register for rifle at: [go.illinois.edu/4hrifle](http://go.illinois.edu/4hrifle); Register for pistol at: [go.illinois.edu/4hp](http://go.illinois.edu/4hp)



## Travel Abroad Update!

## Travel Abroad with 4-H!

Registration for the Travel abroad 2022 program will open in early September. Learn more [HERE](#).

### Timeline

- Registration must be complete by November 1
- First payment of \$1500 due December 1
- Second payment \$1500 Due February 1 after Final Approval.
- Third and final payment Due April 15, when tickets are purchased.

# Peoria County Highlights

## Club Reports

### Elmwood All-Stars

The Elmwood All-Stars held a meeting on Sunday, September 19th. Pledges were led by Brenden. Roll call was taken with the topic of "What is your favorite 4-H project?". The Secretary's report was approved as read and the Treasurer's report will be filed for audit. Starting in Old Business, our club discussed award and scholarship opportunities. Moving into New Business, Jacob and Annemarie gave a federation news update. Next, we planned our window display with the theme of "Better Together". Our club also discussed our plans for our wiener roast at our next meeting. We then recognized members with September birthdays. Happy birthday to Sarah, Alyssa, and Landon! Next, our club elected new officers. President Laura Stevens, Vice President Abbey Gilles, Secretary Anna Salverson, Treasurer Jacob Gilles, Reporter Avery Blunier. We also welcomed three new members. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Cloe and was seconded by Annemarie. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 17th, at 6pm.

~ Submitted by Jacob Gilles

### Edelstein Eager Beavers

This meeting we met at Ben and Hannah Martin's shed. Our leader gave information about what we do in 4h. We welcomed 15 new members to our club. We also voted for new officers, Michael Herrmann as President, Ruth Young as Vice President, Serenity Martin as Secretary, Joanna Young as Treasurer, Aleah Martin as Reporter, and Bethany Stahl as Historian. Our next meeting is on Monday October 18 @ Robert and Mary's house. It is a family wiener roast. After the meeting we ate a snack and some kids played volleyball.

~ Submitted by Aleah Martin

## New 4-H Year Leaders Meeting

Calling all club leaders! Please plan to join us on **Thursday, October 14th at 7pm** in the **Peoria County Extension Office** (4810 N Sheridan Rd, Peoria, IL 61614) to get all the info you need for the upcoming 4-H Year. Learn about new projects, upcoming events, and 4-H best practices. Contact Emily (eschoe@illinois.edu) or Judy (schmid7@illinois.edu) with any questions.

## Air Rifle SPIN Club

All interested youth, ages 8-18, are invited to join the Marshall-Putnam Air Rifle SPIN Club, which will meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays starting Oct. 7th at the Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club. Space is very limited. Learn more and find enrollment forms [HERE](#). Call the office (309.685.3140) to sign up by Oct. 1st.

## Meet the Federation!

### Monthly Federation Member Spotlight: Ryan Stahl

Club(s): **Edelstein Eager Beavers,**

Favorite Projects:  
**Poultry, wood-working, & assorted visual Arts**

Years in 4-H: **9**

Best Thing About 4-H: **The friends and the memories you create.**

Desired Superpower: **Flight. Flight is the ultimate superpower.**

Advice for Younger Members: **Don't blink. Just like that, you're ten years old, starting out in 4-H and looking up to the big kids, and then you become one and wish you could go back and be able to be in 4H for a few more years.**

**"You're gonna' miss this. You're gonna' want this back. You're gonna' wish these years hadn't gone by so fast. These are some good times, so take a good look around. You may not know it now, but you're gonna' miss this." - Trace Adkins**



## Club Reporters!

Let us know what your club is up to! Submit your club meeting information to Emily Schoenfelder at [eschoe@illinois.edu](mailto:eschoe@illinois.edu) so we can highlight your club or members activities in the monthly newsletter.

# Local 4-H EVENTS

## OCTOBER

- 1 Books, Records & Award Applications Due!
- 2 Rifle State Shoot at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL
- 3-9 National 4-H Week & Window Display Contest
- 3 Pistol State Shoot at Central Illinois Precision Shooters
- 7 Air Rifle SPIN Club begins
- 12 Federation Meeting @ 6pm—Extension Office
- 14 Leader's Meeting, Extension Office @ 7pm
- 16-17 Junior Leadership Conference

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Summer 2022 Travel Abroad applications Due
- 6 Peoria County Awards Round-Up @ 6pm
- 25-26 Happy Thanksgiving! Office will be closed

## Peoria County 4-H Window Display Contest

Promote 4-H during National 4-H Week (Oct. 3-9) by entering the Peoria County 4-H Window Display Contest. Displays can be in storefront windows, inside bank, school, library lobbies, etc. or any other place where the public can view it. Be creative with your display, but be sure to include club information on meeting dates, times, location and who to contact to join 4-H—as well as the theme: **Better Together!**

Have displays in place from Mon, Oct 3 to Sat, Oct 9. Please email Emily ([eschoe@illinois.edu](mailto:eschoe@illinois.edu)) with the location of your display so this information can be passed on to the judges by Thursday, September 29. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on November 6th.

## Financial Statements are Due

All 4-H clubs with a checking or savings account must complete both pages of the [4-H Club Annual Financial Statement form](#) (also located in the Treasurer book) at the end of each 4-H year. If you haven't yet done so, please submit this statement to Peoria Extension office as soon as possible. The financial statement includes a report of income and expenses for the 4-H club checking account (page 1) and/or savings account (page 2). The club treasurer and club leader must sign on page 2 of this form to verify that the information is correct. **This is a required step from the IRS.** The club Treasurer book can be found at [HERE](#).

## 4-H Awards Round Up

Help us congratulate our 2020-2021 award winners at the 4-H Awards Round-Up! Join us at Brimfield Evangelical Free Church (11724 N Maher Rd., Brimfield, IL) on Saturday, **November 6th @ 6pm** to celebrate!



## New 4-H SPIN Club: Web Development through Games

**Meeting dates:** Every Monday and Thursday, starting Sept 27—November 4. Club will meet from 6 -7:30pm at the Illinois Math Academy in Northwoods Mall.

**Cost:** \$25 (includes 4-H membership fee.) If you are already a 4-H member, cost is \$5. [Fee waivers](#) are available.

**Age:** All high school youth are able to join., but space is limited.

**Register at:** [go.illinois.edu/WebDev](http://go.illinois.edu/WebDev) or contact Judy ([schmid7@illinois.edu](mailto:schmid7@illinois.edu)) for more information.



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### Online

[web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt)

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**4-H Facebook page**

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peoriacounty4h](https://www.facebook.com/peoriacounty4h)

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website at:**

[https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-  
h-peoria-county](https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-peoria-county)

and our unit website at:

[https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-  
h-youth-development](https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-youth-development)



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