



February 2019

Peoria Clover News

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

Dear 4-H Families,

I hope you and your family survived the January cold weather and are out enjoying the rest of this beautiful winter season. I know it's hard to believe but, the 2019 4-H show is only five months away and will be here before we know it! Enclosed in this newsletter is important information on several upcoming events and activities. Please take time to read thru the newsletter so you don't miss out on any fun opportunities.

Sincerely,

Cathy Ludolph
Extension Program Coordinator
4-H Youth Development



4-H Show Book Cover Design Contest

Calling all artists, graphic designers and photographers!

We would like you to create a cover for the new 2019 4-H Show book. Designs can be drawn by hand or designed on the computer. You are welcome to incorporate original photographs or clipart into your design. Copyrighted work is not allowed. If you would like to use the 4-H logo, please contact the Extension Office to receive an official electronic copy.

Information that must appear on the cover:

Peoria County 4-H Show Book

July 31, August 1 & 2, 2019

Exposition Gardens, Peoria, IL

Contact the Extension Office for information about basic design principles. Designs are due to the Extension Office by March 1, 2019.

Birthday Bag

Community Service Project



During the month of February 4-H members in Peoria County are invited to make the 4-H Pledge come alive. All of the "Birthday Bags" collected will be delivered to local food pantries in Peoria County.

Please drop off all assembled "Birthday Bags" by February 28 at the Extension office. If your club is assembling the bags as a group project please take and share pictures with us here at the Extension office. Items to include in the bags include:

- Box of Cake Mix
- Canned Frosting
- Birthday Candles
- Birthday Card
- Small (inexpensive) Gift (Please indicate on the outside of the bag the sex and age of child the gift is for- don't forget teenagers like birthday gifts too).

National Black History Month

This February, we celebrate #BlackHistoryMonth. We honor the women and men who broke barriers, defined innovation, and opened doors for today's #TrueLeaders to transcend and thrive in any field! #InspireKidstoDo #BlackHistoryMonth



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4-H Team



Peoria County Livestock Judging Team

Are you ready for a 4-H Adventure where you hang out with friends, have fun and learn more about your livestock project? If you answered yes.....the Livestock Judging Team is for you!

This group will meet on Monday evenings, 6–8 pm. It started in December but new members can still join. Most meetings will be held at the Smith home and others at a local farm to practice your livestock judging skills.

Please contact Livestock Judging Team Coach Kristi Smith at kristilynnsmith530@gmail.com before attending a meeting to find out the meeting location. Youth age 8 – 18 are welcome to join.

We NEED YOUR HELP: This group is looking for local farms with livestock to practice their judging skills. If you are interested in supporting this group please contact Kristi Smith (e-mail: kristilynnsmith530@gmail.com) or Cathy at U of I Extension Peoria office (309.685.3140).

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[Peoria County 4-H](#)
[Tazewell County IL 4-H](#)



Your bunk is waiting at 4-H Memorial Camp

Great news! 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello will be offering five summer camp sessions in 2019. Choose from one of these summer sessions:

Tuesday, June 4 – Saturday, June 8

Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13

Sunday, June 16 – Thursday, June 20

Sunday, June 30 – Thursday, July 4

Sunday, July 28 – Thursday, August 1

Cost will be \$230 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post and a camper t-shirt so don't bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$270.

Registration opened February 4 @ go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp! Don't be late. **Most spots will be taken by the end of February!**

"No one is perfect - that's why pencils have erasers."

Wolfgang Riebe



What's New In 2019

This month's feature is **Public Presentation**

We've updated the Public Presentation category. Be sure to read the new rules below! Each county can send three entries to the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest which will be held June 8 in Decatur. The Tazewell County Public Presentation Contest will be held Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 pm at the Peoria Extension office. Participation in this contest does not affect a member's opportunity to also participate in another project area at the Illinois State Fair. Here are the new guidelines for your moment in the spotlight:

Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish (Original Oratory), or choose one of these four topics on which to speak (Topical Response):

- Welcome to the Digital Age
- What is My Connection to the Global Community?
- Power: Who Has It, Who Doesn't, and Does It Matter?
- If I Could See tomorrow...

Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive. Illustrated speeches may be:

- How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.
- Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.
- Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

Original Works | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed |

Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Broadcast Media Program
- Theatrical
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team |

Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Theatrical Interpretation
- Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure, such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

For more information or a copy of the score sheets go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Public Speaking Contest.

Local 4-H EVENTS

February

- 4 4-H Memorial Camp registration opens
- 9 Quiltchat SPIN Club, 9 am at the Extension office, Pekin
- 12 Federation meeting, 6-7:30 pm at Kickapoo Township Hall
- 14 Karate SPIN Club /new 12 week session begins, 6 pm at the Kickapoo Township Hall
- 16 Clover Clinic at Illinois Central College
- 23 Great Learning Garden SPIN Club meeting at Wildlife Prairie Park 10am - noon

March

- 3 Archery SPIN Club begins, 2- 3:30 pm at Presley's Outdoors in Bartonville (Additional dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7)
- 16 Video /Filmmaking SPIN Club begins, 10 am- 2:30 pm at the Extension office, Peoria (Additional dates: March 23, 30 & April 6)
- 23 4-H Journalism workshop, 10 am- 12 noon at the Extension office, Peoria
- 30 Great Learning Garden SPIN Club meeting at Wildlife Prairie Park 10am - noon

April

- 23 Peoria County Public Speaking Contest, 6 pm at U of I Extension office
- 27 Great Learning Garden SPIN Club meeting at Wildlife Prairie Park 10am - noon

June

- 1 Cat workshop / Fun Show, 10 am - 12 noon at the U of I Extension office, Peoria

July

- 13 Peoria 4-H Horse Show (HOI Arena, Galena Rd) thru Aug. 2 - Peoria 4-H Show, Expo. Gardens

August

- 11 General project exhibit day at Illinois State Fair



The Spotlight Is On You

The Peoria County Public Presentation Contest will be held Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 pm at the Peoria Extension office. Participation in this contest does not affect a member's opportunity to also participate in another project area at the Illinois State Fair. Check out the new guidelines under the WHAT'S NEW IN 2019 on page 3.

Running list of state 4-H events:

February

- 4-4-H Memorial Camp registration opens
- 23-24-Illinois 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference, March 8-Explore ACES Open House

April

- 13-State 4-H Horse Speaking & Hippology
- 14-State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
- 27 - National 4-H Day of Service #TrueLeaders

May

- 4-5-4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
- 11- State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington

June

- 8-tentative, Illinois 4-H Communication Contest
- 8 - 15-Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
- 17-State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 23-27-Illini Summer Academies

July

- 22-28-Illinois 4-H Jr. Horse Show

August

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

Happy Valentines Day

February 14



It's 'udderly' amazing State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest

You don't need a cow. You don't need to like milk (though you should REALLY like milk). You don't need to be taking a dairy project. All you need to compete in the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is a desire to do it. (You would probably do better if you study, too.)

The state contest is **Saturday, Feb. 23** at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. Check in before 11:30 a.m. The first test begins at 11:30 a.m. Contest rounds begin at 1 p.m., and the contest will be completed by 5 p.m. Participants will need to pay for their group lunch at the hotel OR you can go (with adult supervision) across the parking lot to Steak 'n Shake between noon and 1 p.m.

Register with your local Extension office before Feb. 15. Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Study reference sources include the Illinois 4-H dairy manuals plus *Hoard's Dairyman Reference Books*, *IL Extension Livestock E-Quiz website*, *Holstein Foundation website*, and *Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials online*.

Teams of four may compete, or individuals can be added to other groups to form a team. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members participating at this state contest. Youth 15 to 18 are eligible for the national team. For information, contact Dave Fischer @ dfischer@illinois.edu or call 618-830-4957.



Learn about the swine industry

FREE WORKSHOP

4-H members are invited to a free workshop on Saturday, **February 16** at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

The day begins at 9 a.m. with check-in. Lunch will be provided. Youth may stay and complete the YQCA training at 4 p.m. at no cost.

For more information and to register, go to ilpork.com.



Pick your favorite State 4-H Horse Contests

STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST

The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 13** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m.

All 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed. **You must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.**

STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY

Regional horse contests will be held across the state. Winning teams and individuals advance to the state contests.

The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 13**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person.

The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 14** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team.

4-H members in our area should compete at **CENTRAL REGIONAL HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY: April 6** at Lincoln Land College, Springfield. Contact Carissa Davis, akpore@illinois.edu, 217-732-8289 and Emily Schoenfelder, eschoe@illinois.edu, 309-347-6614.

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Saturday, April 27** at **Black Hawk College**, 26230 Black Hawk Road, Galva.

Registration begins at 11 a.m., with the contest following at noon. The contest is open to all 4-H members; one does not need to own a horse or be enrolled in a horse project to participate.

Be sure to pick up horse judging cards signed by Extension staff from the county office. Top-placing youth will be invited to participate in an invitational judging contest where the national team will be determined. Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Judging.



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.



Step up on National 4-H Day of Service

4-H members do service better than everyone else! Join us for National 4-H Day of Service Saturday, April 27. The goal of National 4-H Day of Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals or as an entire county 4-H program. No matter what the project, this will be a day to make a difference.

Can't make it April 27? That's okay; plan something for any day in April.

Here's how to participate:

Go to <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/> and register your event.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and find helpful resources.

Do your event and promote on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and submit a report on what you did. We'd love to see your photos, too.



Time for you to Explore ACES

Take a day and find out just what University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences offers students. March 8 is saved for prospective students and their families; March 9 is for confirmed ACES students. Learn more online @ exploreaces.org.

Begin your global travels with 4-H



Make your 2019 an international summer! Here are outbound travel dates:

Japan 8-week: June 12—August 8, 2019

Costa Rica: June 20—July 19, 2019

Finland: June 26—July 27, 2019

Japan 4-week: July 10—August 8, 2019

South Korea: July 15—August 13, 2019

Eligibility:

Age 12-18 for Japan & South Korea and age 15-18 for Costa Rica & Finland from the first day to the last day of the exchange.

These programs enhance the 4-H program through international, cross-cultural experiences that enable young people to improve their leadership and communication skills, while increasing their international awareness and understanding. Selected delegates will be placed with a host family where they will experience family life, community activities and be immersed in the local culture of the country. With 4-H exchange opportunities, you are not just a tourist, but also a family member and expected to participate in all aspects of family and community life the program has to offer. Check out the information for each country online @ go.illinois.edu/global4H.

Governor's Volunteer Service Awards



Think of that person that never stops helping.

They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers.

Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 15. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application and paper application submission information are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Illinois Commitment, a financial aid program that promises free tuition and campus fees for in-state students with a family income of \$61,000 or less.
<https://admissions.illinois.edu/commitment>

Legacy of Leadership Scholarship

Fifteen \$1,000 **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship** 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 March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.

World of 7 Billion Video Contest

Back by popular demand, the World of 7 Billion student video contest helps you bring technology and creativity into your world. The contest challenges students to create a short video connecting world population growth to one of three global challenges: preserving biodiversity, sustainable resource use, or human rights. Students can win cash prizes. The deadline is February 28, 2019. Full contest guidelines, resources for research, past winners, and more can be found online @ worldof7billion.org.

Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship

This \$1,000 **Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship** is open to members who have demonstrated mastery in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of agriculture. Members must have been involved in the livestock project a minimum of three years. 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 March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.

Farm Credit Illinois Scholarships

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com before March 1. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

What is 4-H Federation?

Federation is a group of 4-H members age 13 and older from different clubs in Peoria County that meet once a month to plan county 4-H activities. Fall is the time of year each club should choose at least two Federation representatives. Having Federation representatives allows your club to know about upcoming activities as well as assure your clubs interests are represented when planning county 4-H activities.

Federation generally meets the 2nd Tuesday each month from 6 - 7:30 pm at the Kickapoo Township Hall (unless otherwise announced).

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 6 - 7:30 pm at the Kickapoo Township Hall.

SPIN CLUB NEWS



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

Starting in January 2019, the club members will plan and design our various garden elements with interested persons of all ages. We will meet the last Saturday each month until spring. Once the weather gets warmer additional meeting opportunities will be added to the calendar.

- Youth ages 8 to 18
- Meeting Dates: Feb. 23, March 30 & April 27
- Time: 10 am - Noon
- Location: Wildlife Prairie Park, Hanna City
- Register by calling 309-685-3140



ARCHERY SPIN CLUB



- For Youth ages: 8 to 18
- Meeting Dates: Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7
- Time: 2 - 3:30 pm
- Location: Presley's Outdoors, 1510 W. Garfield, Bartonville
- Cost: \$15 shooting Sports fee if providing own bow / \$20 fee if using a provided bow
- Register at: Web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt or call the U of I Extension office at 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
- Due to a couple of weather cancellations the next 12 week session starts Thursday, February 14, 2019
- Meetings: Every Thursday night @ 6 pm
- Location: Kickapoo Township Hall

For more information or to Register call the U of I Extension office at (309) 685-3140

QUILTCHAT

1st Meeting: Saturday, February 9

Time: 9 am

Location: U of I Extension office, Pekin

Quiltchat is open to anyone interested in learning the art of quilting. You do not need to have any prior sewing or quilting experience. At the first meeting youth will select a pattern to make a quilted bag, go over the needed supplies, etc. The next meeting will be Saturday, February 23, 9 am at the U of I Extension office, Pekin. For more information contact the Tazewell office at: (309) 347-6614.

4-H Video / Filmmaking SPIN Club



In this fun and exciting “hands on” 4-H SPIN Club youth will have the opportunity to work as a team writing, filming, and editing a short 3-5 minute film.

- Dates: Saturday's, March 16, 23, 30 & April 6
- Time: 10 am - 2:30 pm
- Location: U of I Extension office, Peoria
- Cost: \$10.00 to help cover the cost of lunch

Register Online: Web.extensioni.edu/fmpt or call the call the U of I Extension office, Peoria at 685-3140



Shooting Sports Volunteers Needed

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

Save the date....

Adults interested in becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports certified instructor can mark their calendar for July 20 - 21 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello. Contact Cathy Ludolph @ ludolph@illinois.edu or call (309) 685-3140 for more information or to begin the process of applying for this special volunteer role.

If you are not interested in becoming an instructor but would be available to assist with the Peoria 4-H Shooting Sports program please join us at the next committee meeting on Monday, March 4, 7 pm at the U of I Extension office, Peoria.



4-H Journalism Workshop

Who, What, When, Where, Why & How

Do you have a nose for news? In this interactive workshop youth will uncover the basic principals of writing stories for radio, tv, newsprint and other media outlets. What makes a good story and the different types of stories are just a few of the topics youth will investigate.

This is a great workshop for 4-H club reporters and anyone interested in learning more about the 4-H Journalism project.

Age: Age 8 - 18

Date: Saturday, March 23

Time: 10 am - 2 noon

Location: U of I Extension office, Peoria

Register Online: Web.extension.edu/fmpt or call the call the U of I Extension office at 685-3140.



STEMbot Challenge announced

More than 400 youth are expected to compete in this year's State 4-H Robotics Challenge. Teams of youth may enter to compete May 11. The contest will be held at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. Get all the details of the challenge online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hrobotics. This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! Enter your team, or come and visit the contest to see what all the buzz is about!

The **TRUE** sign of intelligence is not knowledge but....**Imagination.**

Albert Einstein

2019 State Fair Junior livestock requirements



The 2019 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H.

Click on Members. Then Projects. Then choose any of the animal science projects. The fact sheet is in the Resource section at the bottom of each page.

Here are important changes about the state fair junior livestock program:

- **Steers:** will be tattooed with a Box A tattoo this year.
- **Market Heifer:** There is no market heifer class at the Illinois State Fair junior show.
- **Barrows:** must be farrowed on or after January 1, 2019 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1. (Local dates may require earlier ownership deadline.)
- **Premiere Barrows:** must be farrowed on or after Feb. 10, 2019 and tattooed from Feb. 10 – April 15. Box A tattoo required.
- **Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs:** There are no regional sheep weigh in sites this year. Market wether and market ewe lamb exhibitors will fill out and send in nomination forms with a photo of the lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in the ear. The Extension office must sign off on the nomination. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- **Jr. Premiere Wether Lambs:** must be nominated, tattooed and weighed at county level with a Box A tattoo. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- **Meat Goat Wethers:** There are no regional goat weigh in sites this year. Exhibitors will fill out and send in nomination forms with a photo of the goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in the ear. The Extension office must sign off on the nomination. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- **Horse and Pony:** Ownership/Lease forms, SF entries, and photos due to State Fair office by June 1.

IMPORTANT CORRECTION FOR ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

In the January newsletter it was reported that all livestock project members would be required to complete the new YQCA (Youth Quality Care of Animals) certification to exhibit a livestock project. Since that announcement the State 4-H office has reconsidered and members are no longer required to complete the YQCA training at this time. However members are required to complete the current Quality Assurance & Ethics course. See the following article for more information.

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.

The **2019 Illinois State Fair Livestock Premium Book** was posted on January 31, and is now available for viewing on the Illinois State Fair website. The premium book may be accessed by opening the 'Competitions' tab at the top of the home page and then scrolling down to 'Entry Info/ Premium Books'. Open that page and then scroll down to 'Livestock 2019'. You may double click on that title, 'Livestock 2019', OR scroll down to the end of the paragraph and double click on the bullet point 'Livestock Premium Book'. For your information, entry forms are being reviewed and will be posted on the page at the end of March.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Club News

Elmwood All-Stars

The Elmwood All stars held their meeting at the Methodist church on January 20, 2019. We started off with pledges ,roll call, and the secretary and treasurer reports.

We went over old business and then new business. In our new business we recognized the clover news and clinic. Also the beef weigh in and the spin clubs. Then to end, the 2019 4-H fair and the dates for this event. Then the meeting was adjourned and we did our talks and then our community service project.

Submitted By Slone Windish

Club Reporters



What's happening in your club? We'd love to hear about it. Please remember to submit your monthly club meeting report to the Extension office at: ludolph@illinois.edu so we can highlight your club activities and events.

Secretary & Treasurers Books Online Only

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>

The secretary & treasurer books are due in the Extension office each year by September 30.



Invite a friend to join 4-H WELCOME NEW 4-H MEMBERS

Independent
Montanna Hoerr

Neighbor Kids
Richey Burgess

Edelstein Eager Beavers
Wyatt Hanson

4-H Enrollments

Check with your 4-H Leader to make sure you are enrolled in the right projects.

May 1, 2019 is the deadline for making changes (except for those livestock projects that had a January deadline). Young persons may join 4-H at any time of year, but to exhibit at the 4-H show they must be enrolled at the county Extension office by May 1 of each year.

To be a 4-H member in the 2018-2019 year, youth must be at least 8, and not more than 18 as of September 1, 2018.

Horse and Pony entry dates

State Fair entries for Horse and Pony are due on or before June 1, 2019. Copies of the ownership and /or lease papers, State Fair entries and one set of photos will be due June 1. For the Peoria County 4-H Show copies of the ownership and/or lease papers and one set of photos are due May 1.



Let's Make a Difference With Service Learning

This year, 4-H will be making a special effort to do more service learning throughout Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell counties.

Help us make a difference in our community!

What is Service Learning?

Service learning is similar to community service, but with superpowers! It's a way to address a problem in the community, while you gain new skills and knowledge at the same time! Learn about your community, make new friends, try something new, and - most importantly **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

How Can You Get involved?

Try any or all of the following...and lots more:

Look around your community. What problems or issues do you see? Do some research on the problem or issue - Go online and talk to people who might know more. Think of ways that you and other 4-H members can help - and things that you can learn while you're at it!

Join the unit-wide 4-H Service Learning Committee. You can help plan and organize an event for the whole area. This is a great leadership opportunity for teens and adults, and most of our meetings will be online.

Submit a service learning project idea that our whole unit can be involved in. We'll narrow down the options, then everyone can vote for their favorite finalist. 4-H members from all four counties will work on the winning idea! Submit your idea [here](#), or visit <https://go.illinois.edu/2019Service>.

Attend a training (keep reading to learn more), and become a service learning leader in your 4-H club. You will work with fellow 4-H members and adults to make a difference in our area.

4-H Motto

"To Make the Best Better"

Want to Know More?

Come to a Service Learning Training! You'll learn everything you need to get started, and meet others who want to be involved, too. Trainings are open to everyone, and dinner will be provided.

Please RSVP to the contact below to ensure we have enough food.

February 7, 2019 – 5:30pm

Tazewell Farm Bureau Auditorium
1505 Valle Vista Blvd., Pekin, IL 61554

(309) 347-5472

RSVP by Feb 5, 2019

Contact: Katharine – girone1@illinois.edu

February 11, 2019 – 5:30pm

U of I Extension Office, Peoria County
4810 North Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL 61614

(309) 685-3140

RSVP by Feb 8, 2019

Contact: Cathy – ludolph@illinois.edu

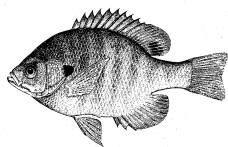
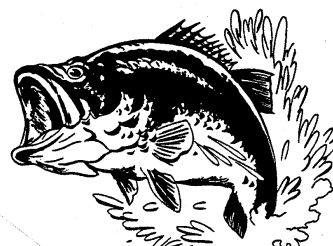


Bad Weather Alert

Hopefully we won't have any bad weather in the near future, but just in case, please call ahead to make sure we are still open or that a meeting hasn't been cancelled.

Reel In a Great Time at:

4-H FISH CAMP



Who Can Go To Fish Camp?

Fish Camp is open to any adult/child "team" interested in learning more about fishing. Each adult may attend camp with up to three youth campers. An adult must attend the entire weekend event with the youth campers. It is recommended that youth campers be at least 8 years of age.

What Is Fish Camp? A weekend filled with fun and facts on fishing in Central Illinois. Help will be given by volunteers, fisheries experts, and U of I Extension staff to enhance your fishing knowledge and outdoor skills.

When Is Fish Camp? Fish Camp will be held on the weekend of **May 4-5, 2019**. The official program will begin at 10am on Saturday and end by 2pm on Sunday. The camp will be held rain or shine.



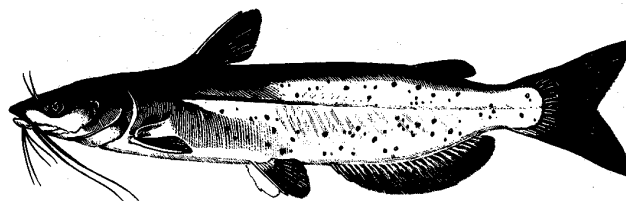
Where Is Fish Camp? 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, Illinois is the site of Fish Camp. Participants will enjoy plenty of space at this 250 acre camp, a private 16 acre lake full of hungry fish, hiking trails, rustic cabins, and a large dining

hall.

Why Should I Go To Fish Camp? Learn more about how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn fishing tips, new lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

Fees and Registration:

A fee of only \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals. Saturday lunch, supper; and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home too! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp



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TUESDAYS

March 5, 2019

Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum
web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/stem

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

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

Visit the Peoria County 4-H website!

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



Longer, bigger, better.

See yourself at Illini Summer Academies

Spend 6 nights and 7 days on the University of Illinois Urbana-

Champaign campus for Illini Summer Academies. Registration opens March 1 at go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Check in at 3 PM Sunday, June 2. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8th thru 12th grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 by Sept. 1, 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy track you choose! Limited scholarships are available.

ASM Materials Engineering Camp - 2019

July 22 - 25, 2019 / Bradley University, Peoria

This 4 day summer day camp is for students entering their Junior or Senior year of high school in the fall of 2019 that are highly motivated, inquisitive learners, with math and science aptitude. The camp will utilize fun hands-on learning experiences involving math, physics, and chemistry. There will be:

- Hands on metallurgical experiences through foundry and blacksmith activities.
- A unique team-based, intensive problem solving, science experience, under the direction of a distinguished "Materials Mentor" professionals.
- Combination of mini demonstrations, field trips, and laboratory activities to actively explore materials science & engineering principles.

Thirty full scholarships will be provided to selected participants. All selected students receive FREE tuition, knowledge, meals, and fun activities. Applications are due May 10. The application form is available online at <http://goo.gl/forms/EyRehcZ9CI>. Submit current high school transcript (unofficial is allowed) to Ashley Patenaude @ patenaude_ashley@cat.com.

Spend 18 hours in one of these exciting college study programs:

- Honeybees and beekeeping
- Veterinary Medicine
- Animal Sciences
- Aerospace Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Telling Stories About Ag and the Environment – Ag Communications
- Exploring Human Development & Family Studies
- Grand Challenges in Family Sciences
- Companion Animal Nutrition and Pet Food
- Manufacturing Academy
- Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling and Fabrication
- Theater Arts: African Dance
- Theater Arts: Costume Design
- Anthropology
- Agricultural Engineering – **NEW**
- Ag & Natural Resources – **NEW**
- Food Science and Human Nutrition – **NEW**

When you're not in Academy time, you'll be exploring campus, hanging out with new friends, and having new adventures you can only find at U of I.

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Tuesdays & Thursdays
March 2019
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Annie's Project is designed to empower farm women to be better business partners through a series of education sessions covering the business of farming. go.illinois.edu/FMPTanniesproject2019



If you are enrolled in a Visual Arts project.....

The 4-H Online system has changed the way you enroll in the Visual Arts project this year. Last year you enrolled in just Visual Arts and then selected which medium you were exhibiting in at the fair level. This year you must select which medium you want and enroll in that project now. The projects now say:

- Visual Arts – Clay
- Visual Arts – Paper
- Visual Arts – Metal
- Visual Arts – Glass/Plastic
- Etc.

If you could, please sign back into 4-H Online and re-enter which Visual Arts projects you plan to exhibit. If you are not sure right now, enroll in what you think you might like to exhibit. If you change your mind and don't get it done you can always change it later. I have deleted the old Visual Arts out of your profile.



LEAD 2019

LEAD is a robust, one-of-a kind youth leadership program that utilizes immersive experiences to empower emerging leaders to develop leadership qualities. We specifically select students who have the potential to be leaders, but may not see it in themselves. Participants spend a full week exploring the qualities that made Abraham Lincoln such a great leader in his day. They learn why those same qualities are so important in our leaders today, and how, as individuals, they can apply those qualities as they develop their own leadership skills for the future.

2019 Dates: Sunday, June 9 – Friday, June 14, 2019

Who Can Participate? Current 7th Graders (Limited to 40 participants - Peoria County can send two interested youth. For more information please contact the U of I Extension office at 685-3140)

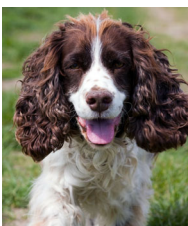


Now Hiring... Cleaning Position

The University of Illinois Extension Peoria office has a part time office cleaning position available.

- Monday - Friday
- 10 Hours a week
- 2 Hours a day in afternoon
- \$10 Hour

If interested please call the U of I Extension office at (309) 685-3140.



Free dog to a good 4-H family home

Troy DuBois of Pekin would like to donate a 6 month old male Field English Springer Spaniel puppy to a 4-H boy or girl who would love and take good care of him and show him as a 4-H project. The dog is AKC registered and current on his shots. If you and your parents are interested in adding a canine member to your family and possibly exhibiting him in the 4-H dog project please contact Troy at (309) 267-1361.





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