

Peoria Clover News

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

Dear 4-H Families,

The 4-H program has survived for over a hundred years due to the efforts of its youth, families, and volunteers. We are continuously grateful for the time, passion, and effort you give to 4-H. But this month, we'd like to recognize a very special staff person. Cathy Ludolph served faithfully as a 4-H Coordinator for many years, and before she retired, she wrote out a few reflections. We invite you to read them below.

September 2021

As you'll read, Cathy dedicated many years to the success of the Peoria County 4-H Program - and we hope to honor her legacy by keeping the program strong.

Sincerely,

Judy & Emily

Judy Schmidt & Emily Schoenfelder 4-H Youth Development Educators

Moving Forward, Looking Back

Reflections from Cathy Ludolph

As I prepare for my last 4-H Fair as a 4-H program coordinator with retirement and new adventures only a couple of weeks away, I can't help but reflect on the impact 4-H and Extension have made on my life both personally and professionally.

I started my Extension career in 1995 as an Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program Assistant. As an EFNEP Assistant I worked with lower income families to help them make healthy food choices for their families. It was a rewarding job but in 2000 when I moved into the 4-H Program Coordinator position I felt I had just been gifted my dream job. I loved being in 4-H as a kid and I still feel the same way about the 4-H program today as an adult.

I joined 4-H at the age of 9 when 4-H clubs were divided by gender. There were a lot fewer project selections then and as a member of a girl club I enrolled in projects such as cooking, sewing, picture framing, party planning and arts & crafts. Since then 4-H has evolved and expanded in so many wonderful ways. There are no longer boy and girl clubs or boy and girl projects, 4-H integrated into a single program with boys and girls in the same club with the same project opportunities during the 1970's. In 4-H today, youth are addressing some of our society's most challenging issues such as food security, climate change, sustainable energy, equity, equality and inclusiveness, childhood obesity, and food safety just to name a few. All 4-H youth have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of science, technology, engineering, art and math related projects such as agricultural and animal sciences to robotics, computer science, environmental protection and much more providing them the ability to compete for leading scientific or other professional careers and take on the challenges of today's world.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to work with so many talented young people. To witness young people grow and excel in their chosen project areas, develop leadership skills and form life long friendships has been a rewarding experience for me. I feel 4-H has prepared these young people to meet todays challenges head on and succeed.

It has also been my pleasure over the years to work with so many awesome volunteers. Without them the 4-H program would not be successful. I feel truly blessed to have had such great support and assistance.

So, as I prepare to turn my dream job over to someone new and start the next chapter in my life, I know that 4-H in some way will always be a part of my life. I look forward to helping my grandchildren with their 4-H projects and plan to offer my services where needed as a 4-H volunteer. I encourage all adults that have a talent or skill they can share with young people to do so. It's an experience that both the volunteer and youth will benefit from.



Around the State...

4-H Service Learning in Brazil

Join Montgomery County 4-H on a virtual workshop on September 29, 4:30-5:45 p.m. to learn about 4-H Brazil and what they are doing to address food insecurity in their towns.

You will hear from High School students about the servicelearning projects they have organized at the 10 campuses around their state. There is no cost to attend this event.

Register at https://go.illinois.edu/FoodSecurityBrazil.

Standing Together, Taking Action

Come together with other youth leaders to dialogue around social justice issues affecting your everyday lives. This virtual spin club is designed for youth who want to navigate topics including leadership, racial equity, conflict resolution, service-learning, and more in a respectful and non-judgmental environment.

Sessions will be held virtually every other Tuesday of the month beginning October 5th from 5:30-7:00 pm CST. Youth participants, ages 13 and up will be selected to participate from each region of the state. The deadline to apply is September 15, 2021. Apply at: https://go.illinois.edu/STTA

Western Illinois 4-H horse Show

The Western Illinois 4-H Horse Show will be held on Saturday, September 25 at the Warren County Saddle Club in Monmouth, IL. Youth may register online at go.illinois.edu/WI4HS or on the day of the event. Visit the Facebook Event for more information.





The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun -filled event which provides junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th 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. Learn more at go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc.

Creative Writing Contest

Show off your creative writing skills and share what 4-H allows you to be!

Use the prompt "4-H Allows me to be ..." to inspire any type of creative written piece. This could include, but isn't necessarily limited to: essays, song lyrics, poetic forms, word art, short stories or a speeches. Your finished project should be:

- Your original work
- Less than 500 words in length

• Something that tells your story and inspires others! All submissions are due by Friday, September 24th at 5pm with winners notified the following week. This contest is only open to Illinois 4-H members. Please submit your work through this JotForm: <u>https://</u> form.jotform.com/212454747041149

Around the State...



National 4-H Week is Oct 3-9!

It's time to tell the world about 4-H! Grab your gear bedecked with clovers, wear your 4-H shirts, and use #National4HWeek to share

about your 4-H activities on social media. Here area few more ways for you and your club to get involved:

- Join the Peoria County Window Decorating Contest
- Post 4-H fliers at school
- Write a letter to your congressional leaders or local legislators telling them how important 4-H is to you
- Write a thank you note to your club leader
- Carve a pumpkin with the 4-H logo
- Invite a friend to a club meeting...or to your house to do a <u>4-H at Home</u> activity

Travel Abroad with 4-H!

Registration for the Travel abroad 2022 program will open in early September. Learn more <u>HERE</u>.



Travel Abroad Update!

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.

Registrations for 2021 State Shoots open!

Visit the <u>Shooting Sports Competition Website</u> for more information.

- <u>Archery</u>: Sat., Sept. 18, 2021 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL—Register at <u>go.illinois.edu/4harchery</u>.
- <u>Shotgun</u>: Sat., Sept. 25, 2021 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL—Register at <u>go.illinois.edu/4hshotgun</u>
- <u>Rifle and Pistol</u>: Sat., Oct. 2 and 3, 2021 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington, IL—Register for rifle at: <u>go.illinois.edu/4hrifle</u>; Register for pistol at: <u>go.illinois.edu/4hp</u>



Level II Shooting Sports Volunteers Needed

Illinois 4-H seeks volunteers wishing to be considered for Level II (State Instructor) certification in the disciplines of Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Coordinator, or Shotgun. Qualified candidates must be certified and active as a Level I (County-level 4-H Club Leader) for a minimum of 3 years. Chosen applicants are required to attend a 5-day certification workshop in Virginia held October 25-29, 2021. Workshop registration fees are paid by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

Level II instructors are expected to volunteer for a minimum of three years providing instruction at Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports Level I certification workshops (biannual) and assist with annual State Shoots relating to their discipline. To apply, please submit a letter of interest and list of references by September 3rd, 2021 to: Curt Sinclair, 4-H Shooting Sports State Coordinator, 499 Old Timber Road, Monticello, IL 61856. Email: <u>sinclair@illinois.edu</u>. Office Phone: (217)762-2741.

Peoria County Highlights

Federation News

Officers for the 2021-2022 4-H Year were elected at the Federation meeting on September 7th. Congratulations to...

- President, Orrin Maue
- Vice President, Bernadette Mattern
- Secretary, TBD
- Treasurer, Ryan Stahl
- Reporter, Ashlyn Slayton



Club Reports

The Edelstein Eager Beavers 4-H Club met Thursday, July 22, 2021 at the fairgrounds. We met in the late afternoon. Our leader told us some last-minute things we needed to know for the fair. We were reminded of the can-a-thon and spirit display contest. We then took a group photo. After the meeting, we helped the Extension clean up the barns to get ready for the fair. After we worked, we were given pizza from the Extension. Two families then went to Sam's Club to purchase snacks and drinks that we sold at the concession stand at the fair.

Submitted by Bethany Stahl.



Let us know what your club is up to! Submit your club meeting information to Emily Schoenfelder at <u>eschoe@illinois.edu</u> so we can highlight your club or members activities in the monthly newsletter.

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 (<u>eschoe@illinois.edu</u>) 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.

Meet the Federation! Monthly Federation Member Spotlight:

Orrin Maue

Club(s): Jubilee Patriots, Federation

Favorite Projects: Visual Arts & Nature

Favorite Color: Blue or sunset colors

Desired Super Power: Time Travel

Years in 4-H: **9**

Grade: **12**

Best Thing About 4-H: Hanging out with friends and making new ones, and also learning leadership skills.

Advice for Younger Members: Try some of the new things 4-H has to offer, and don't be afraid to try taking leadership positions.



EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 15 Standing Together Taking Action Application Due
- 18 Archery State Shoot at Pekin Archers, Pekin, IL
- 20 4-H Online Enrollment Opens
- Shotgun State Shoot at Brittany Shooting Park,Bunker Hill
- 25 Western Illinois Horse Show
- 27 Club Award Applications Due
- 27 Web Development SPIN Club begins
- 29 4-H Service Learning in Brazil (virtual workshop)

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
- 12 Federation Meeting @ 6pm—Extension Office
- 14 Leader's Meeting, Extension Office @ 7-8pm
- 16-17 Junior Leadership Conference

NOVEMBER

- 1 Summer 2022 Travel Abroad applications Due
- 6 Peoria County Awards Round-Up
- 9 Federation Meeting @ 6pm—Kickapoo Town Hall

New 4-H Year Leaders Meeting

Calling all club leaders! Please plan to join us on **October 15th** at **7pm** in the **Peoria County Extension Office** (4810 N Sheridan Rd, Peoria, IL 61614) to learn 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.



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. <u>Fee waivers</u> are available.

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

Register at: <u>go.illinois.edu/WebDev</u> or contact Judy (schmid7@illinois.edu) for more information.

Important Reminder: 4-H Club Annual Financial Statement due October 1!

All 4-H clubs with a checking or savings account must complete both pages of the 4-H Club Annual Financial Statement form located in the Treasurer book at the end of each 4-H year. Submit this statement along with other required forms and officer books to Peoria Extension office by October 1. 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!

Records & Awards deadline Extended—Due OCTOBER 1!

Treasurer Book

Each 4-H Club is required to turn in either a Completed Treasurer's Book with audit form completed OR an Indication of Financial Activity Statement (for clubs without a treasury). Clubs whose elected Treasurer completes the book can choose to be judged for the County Treasurer Book of the Year contest. Those books will be scored on the following:

- Officer Information
- Adequate list of club inventory
- Accurate accounting of receipts, checks written and balance
- Evidence of careful and responsible handling of club funds
- Up to date information
- Evidence of year round action
- Completed audit / Required Signatures
- Treasurer book: https://extension.illinois.edu/ global/club-resources

Secretary Book

All Clubs are required to turn in a Secretary book for the 2020-2021 4-H year. Clubs whose elected Secretary completes the book have an option to compete for the County Secretary Book of the Year Award. Those books will be scored on the following:

- Must be completed by the 4-H member.
- May either be hand written or typed.
- Scored on the following:
 - Constitution
 - Membership information and attendance
 - Officer and Leader information
 - Committees listed
 - Minutes of meeting completed, proper order, proper form
 - Community Service and other club activities
 - Neatness overall
 - Legible and written in ink or typed
 - Required Signatures
 - The Secretary book can be found at: https://extension.illinois.edu/global/clubresources

October 1st is just around the corner!

Start your records and awards now!

Club Scrapbook

Each 4-H Club has the opportunity to turn in a scrapbook for judging. Scrapbooks are judged on:

- Originality
- Neatness
- Contents
 - Newspaper clippings with headline of newspaper
 - Pictures printed in newspaper with headline of newspaper
 - Snapshots
 - 4-H Items
 - Souvenir Items

State Recognition Program For 4-H Clubs

- Engage Gold Form filled out by leader
- Excel Level Recognition for Clubs application due by September 27, 2021 (because we must submit to the State 4-H Office by Oct. 1) - available at https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ sites/4h.extension.illinois.edu/files/scholarships-andaward-applications/club-excel-award-application-2021.pdf
- Experience Recognition for Clubs "My 4-H Club Story" & Club of the Year form – leader, youth and parents, etc. can fill out this form – the more the better.

County 4-H Leader of the Year Award

We have amazing 4-H Leaders in Peoria County! Nominate your leader for this award by sending us a 1-page letter telling us what makes your leader so special and why you think they should receive this award. Completed nominations are due to the Peoria Extension Office by October 1, 2021.

County Club Reporter of the Year

Club Reporters are recognized for their hard work on keeping the public informed of their clubs activities. Reporters - please check with your leader or call the Extension office at 685-3140 for a form or go to the Peoria 4-H website at: https://extension.illinois.edu/ fmpt/4-h-peoria-county - scroll down to Resources for a form.

Peoria County Memorial & Other Awards

*Outstanding County 4-H Project Record Book

 *Cloverbuds
 • Ages 8-11

 *Ages 12 - 14
 • Ages 15 - 19

*Marsha Depperman Memorial Award for Best Foods & Nutrition Program this year.

<u>*Leatha Morris Memorial Award</u> for Best Foods & Nutrition Program this year.

*Sandra Baughman Barton Memorial Award for Outstanding Junior Leadership.

*Sharon Iberg Ludolph Memorial Award for Outstanding 4-H Home Economics Program this year.

*1st Year Swine Award for any age member finishing their 1st year swine project.

<u>*S-W Kiwanis Jim Daugherty 4-H Leadership &</u> <u>Community Service Award</u> for all age members. This is a monetary award.

<u>*James Daugherty 4-H Crops & Soils and /or</u> <u>Horticulture Award.</u>

For project book record sheets or a copy of the award applications please contact your leader or call the Extension office at 685-3140 or online at: https:// extension.illinois.edu/global/projects or check the Peoria website at: https://extension.illinois.edu/ fmpt/4-h-peoria-county - scroll down and click on Resources

Award applications are due to the Extension office by October 1, 2021.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON AWARDS AND RECORD FORMS, AND AWARD APPLICATIONS, ETC.

CHECK OUT THE PEORIA COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE AT: https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-peoria-county

SCROLL TO BOX NEAR BOTTOM OF PAGE AND CLICK ON: RESOURCES

Information on State Awards can be found at:

https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards

Information on State Scholarships can be found at:

https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/ scholarships

Illinois 4-H Awards Program

The Illinois 4-H Program offers many **EXPERIENCE awards** for its members. This area offers recognition for members who are involved in diverse 4-H experiences in club, county, multi-county, state, national and international levels.

<u>APPLICATION PROCESS</u>: Submit the **My Illinois 4-H Experience Application** listing *experiences* during one year in these 4 areas: Participation, Community Service, Leadership and Project Learning.

<u>RECOGNITION</u>: Based on the number of experiences members will achieve one of 5 levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald. Open to all 4-H members age 8 - 18.

Check with your leader for an application or the Application c and tip sheets can be found online at:

https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/enrollmentresources.

Experience award applications are due to the county office by October 1, 2021.

4-H members who **EXCEL** in their work can compete for county and state honors in specific award areas. At the state level, 4-H members can apply for an \$1000 Illinois 4-H Scholarship. This merit-based scholarship is awarded to five Illinois 4-H members in each category (Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creating Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth, STEM/Robotics).

<u>APPLICATION PROCESS</u>: Complete the Illinois 4-H Scholarship application online by November 1, which includes 2 references. Application can be found here: https://form.jotform.com/211745692702154.

OPEN TO: Members who were 15 - 18 years of age on 9/1/21.

Electricity Achievement Award

The Illinois Electrification Council provides one plaque to each county to recognize one members outstanding achievements in Electricity. For an Electricity Award application:

https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards Or please call the Extension office at 685-3140

IMPORTANT DEADLINE NOTE: Application is due to the Extension office by: <u>September 10, 2021</u>

STATE FAIR Winners

Peoria County was well represented at the 2021 Illinois State Fair. Congratulations to everyone that exhibited!

Livestock Reagan Walsh 3rd – Southdown Wether 3rd – LL: - Southdown Wether 3rd – Jr. Southdown Wether 1st – Jr. Crossbred Gilts Barrow 3rd – LL: Jr. Southdown Wether 2nd – LL: Jr. Hampshire Barrow **Bo Windish** 1st – Jr. Berkshire Gilt 1st – Jr. Champion Angus Steer 1st – LL: Jr. Grand Champion Steer 3rd – Jr. Yorkshire Gilt 1st – LL: Jr. Berkshire Gilt 3rd – LL: Jr. Yorkshire Gilt **Slone Windish** 3rd – LL: Hereford Steer Liliana Albaro 3rd—Pattern Riding 3rd- Jr. Simmental Heifer 2nd – Beginner Hunter Over Fences Sophie Bonati

Elizabeth Dixon

2nd—Costume Class 2nd—Stock-Type Hunter Under Saddle

MaKendra Kriechgauer 2nd—Pattern Riding

2nd—Beginner Hunter Eq Over Fences 1st—Beginner Hunter Over Fences 3rd—Pony Hunter Under Saddle

Megan McNutt

- 2nd—Costume Class 1st—Pattern Riding
- 2nd—Hunt Seat Eq on the Flat
- 3rd—Hunter Showmanship
- 2nd—Stock-Type Hunter Under Saddle
- 3rd—Beginner Hunter Over Fences

Kyle Bird

- 2nd Jr. Hampshire Barrow

Cole Caldwell

1st – Jr. Angus Steer 1st – LL: Jr Champion Angus Steer 1st – LL: Jr. Angus Steer

Alyvia Cowser

1st – Natural Color Wether 1st – White Face Cross Wether 2nd – Jr. Natural Color Wether 1st – Jr. White Face Cross Wether

Carrie Gill

1st – Angus Steer 2nd – Angus Steer 2nd – LL: Angus Steer

Brinae Rice

3rd – Jr. Crossbred Wether

Kami Stahl

3rd – LL: Jr. Simmental Heifer

Laura Stevens

1st – Angus Bull 1st – LL: Angus Bull 3rd – Boer Goat, Jr. Doe 3rd – LL: Boer Goat, Jr. Yearling Doe 2nd – LL: Full Blood Boer Goat, Doe 2nd – Full Blood Boer Goat, Jr. Yearling Doe

Marie Theobald

3rd – Jr. Dairy Cattle, Best 3 Females 2nd – Jr. Dairy Cattle, Int. Yearling Heifer 3rd – Jr. Dairy Cattle, Jr. Heifer 3rd – LL: Jr. Dairy Cattle, Best 3 Females 2nd – LL: Jr. Dairy Cattle, Int. Yearling Heifer 2nd – LL: Jr. Dairy Cattle, Jr. Heifer

Rylie Walsh

1st – Jr. Dairy Cattle, Dam & Daughter

- 1st Jr. Reserve Champion Berkshire Gilt
- 1st Jr. Crossbred Gilts Barrow
- 1st LL: Jr. Reserve Champion Berkshire Gilt
- 1st Jr. Poland China Barrow 1st – Jr. Reserve Champion Poland China Barrow 1st – Jr. Poland China Gilt 1st – Jr. Reserve Champion Poland China Gilt 1st – LL: Jr. Poland China Barrow 1st – LL: Jr. Reserve Champion Poland China gilt 1st – LL: Jr. Poland China Gilt
- 1st LL: Jr. Reserve Champion Poland China Barrow

Horse Show

- 1st—Beginner Hunter Eq Over Fences
- 1st Beginner Hunter Over Fences

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General Projects

Avery Blunier—Theatre Arts 3—Champion & Inspire Award Addison Church—Fiber Hayden Church—Cooking 201 Levi Creasy—Child Development Seattle Creasy—Child Development—Reserve Champion Vanessa Fischer—Family Heritage Carrie Gill—Cooking 401—Inspire Award Abigail Gilles—Clay—Reserve Champion Wren Hellige-Computer generated Art Rosalie Higgs-Visual Arts, Fiber Non-Original Maggie Lindahl—Design Decisions, Intermediate Shaelyn McGrath—Food Decorating, Advanced Caitlin Murphy—Beekeeping 2—Champion Alyssa Piper—Heritage Arts Kayla Piper—Photo Editing—Champion Emma Salverson—Chalk/Carbon/Pigment, Div-A Anna Salverson—Creative Writing Alexa Salverson—Photography 2 Max Schmidt—Photography 1 Ella Schmidt—Beginning Scrapbooking—Inspire Award Audrey Shane—STEAM Clothing 1, Sewn Clothing Laura Stevens-Wood-Champion

Volunteers don't get paid—not because they are worthless, but because they are

priceless.

~Sherry Anderson

4-H Foundation Hall of Fame

The Illinois 4-H Foundation honored one volunteer from each county in Illinois at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration took place on Tuesday, Aug. 17 as part of Ag Day at the Fair.

Bob Forney was posthumously inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame as the 2021 Peoria County award winner. Bob was a dedicated 4-H volunteer serving as an Auction Committee member and as Poultry Superintendent for many years. The award was accepted by his family.

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

and our unit website at: https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4h-youth-development

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