

4-H NEWSLETTER

May & June 2024



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

Welcome new 4-H Program Coordinator Abbie Phillips

Hello, 4-H families and friends!

I'm the new Tazewell County 4-H Program Coordinator. I'm very excited to join the 4-H team and to get to know everyone!

I grew up hearing stories and looking at pictures of my dad showing cattle in 4-H, so of course I was excited to be a member myself when I was old enough! Growing up, I spent eight years in Woodford County with the Countyline Crusaders and an additional two years with the Farmington Lucky Clovers in Fulton County. I had so much fun taking arts projects and livestock to the fairs! Running around the fairgrounds with friends and cousins was something I looked forward to every year and I hope to continue working to give the next group of 4-H members the same experience.

I graduated from Eureka High School in 2018, then Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri in May 2022 with my Bachelor of Arts in English. Highlights of my time at Truman include being a member of the Equestrian Team, working all four years as a student at the University Farm, and spending two summers growing vegetables for Truman's Farm to Table Program. After graduation, I spent almost two years working in the Office of Admission at Truman.

I'm very excited to be back home in Central Illinois! I look forward to continuing to grow alongside my community and be able to give back to the 4-H community that had such a huge impact on my young life. Please feel free to stop by the office anytime to introduce yourself, I'd love to meet you.

Abbie

2024 Tazewell 4-H Show Dates:

Thursday, July 18 – Clothing & Textile Judging, Pekin, 4-7 PM

Friday, July 15 – QAEC & YQCA deadlines

Saturday, July 27 – 4-H Show set up at 8 AM

Monday, July 29 – 4-H Show

Tuesday, July 30 – 4-H Show

Wednesday, July 31 – 4-H Show and clean up in evening

Friday, August 9 – Tazewell's Day at Illinois State Fair

See schedule in Show book for details.

Prepare for Fair Workshop

June 11, 6 PM

Extension office, Pekin

Join us at the upcoming "Prepare for Fair" workshops for tips & tricks on how to be successful at the 4-H Shows and Fairs! Great for new and returning families alike! Participants will get Fair Entry basics, learn 4-H jargon, hear tips on having a great judging experience, and more! Adults and youth will have joint and separate sessions to get the info most relevant to them. This workshop will be held on June 11 in the Tazewell County Extension Office in the Farm Bureau Auditorium. For questions or more information, please contact your Tazewell County 4-H Coordinator. No registration needed, we hope to see you there!

Superintendent Needed

We are still in need of a Crops Superintendent. For more details contact Lynda Sharp-Lower.

Congratulations to Tazewell's Horse Bowl & Hippology Participants!

Tazewell County had six members compete in our regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest on Saturday, March 23.

Hippology: Intermediate:

- 2nd Hanna K
- 5th Rose B.
- 6th Reagan Z.
- 9th Summer B



Jr:

4th Elizabeth H.

Horse bowl individual Points

Intermediate:

- 2nd Reagan Z.
- 3rd Hanna K.
- 7th Summer B.
- 9th Elizabeth H.



Rose B. won 2nd place in senior individual and advances to state.

Unit 4-H Staff

In our four-county Extension unit, a team works together to provide 4-H programming. Each county has an individual 4-H program plus we all work together on unit-wide events and program planning.

4-H Program Coordinators

Krista Gray and Rachel Van Cleve, Fulton
Joli Pierson, Mason

Kristi Smith, Peoria

Abbie Phillips and Lynda Sharp-Lower, Tazewell

Emily Schoenfelder, 4-H Youth Educator

Judy Schmidt, Metro 4-H Youth Educator

Earl Allen, County Director

Office Support

Deb Balagna, Fulton

Paula Lane, Mason

Angela Sassine, Peoria

Julann Schierer, Tazewell

The Tazewell team pictured below won 1st place!
Reagan Z., Summer B., Hanna K., Elizabeth H.,
Sophia C.

Thank you to Vera B., their practice coach, and
Brittany Z. for being their contest coach and
volunteering their time to 4-H.



Congratulations to our State Horse Bowl and Hippology Participants!

Hippology:

Intermediate:

Hanna Kock
Rose Birkey
Reagan Zeigler

Jr:

Elizabeth Hizey

Horse Bowl:

Jr. Individual:

Hanna Koch
Reagan Zeigler

Jr. Tazewell Team:

Summer Berlin, Elizabeth Hizey, Hanna Koch, and
Reagan Zeigler. Alt. Sophia Cisneros.

Sr. Teams: Rose Birkey

Volunteers needed for Tazewell 4-H Show & Jr. Fair

We are always looking for volunteers from ages 12 and up. From department and judging assistants to providing games and activities, we have something for everyone to do! If you are interested, please contact Lynda Sharp-Lower at lrs11@illinois.edu *If teens need community service hours, this is a perfect opportunity to earn some!*

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Congratulations to Tazewell's Public Speaking Members!

On Tuesday, March 12, five Tazewell 4-H members participated in our Public Speaking Contest. All the speakers did a fantastic job, and I admire their ability to present their topic to an audience.

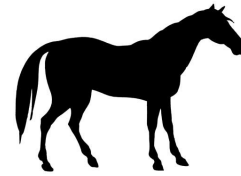
Participants included: Kara R., Jillian S., Abigail L, Patrick L., and Chandler L.

Abigail L. and Jillian S. were selected to represent Tazewell County at the Illinois State Public Speaking Contest on Saturday, April 27 in Champaign.

Abigail L. was selected as the 2024 Tazewell County Outstanding Public Speaker and will receive a trophy.

Requesting 4-H Project Manuals

If you need any 4-H project manuals, please complete a request at go.illinois.edu/FMPTPubs. Once I have filled your request, you will be emailed, and can pick them up in the office. This request system will automatically email you any free, downloadable project resources when you select those items through the site.



Horse Clinic Dates

Horse clinics will be held in the Livestock Review Building in Mineral Springs Park, Pekin on June 5, 26, and July 10 from 6-8 pm.

Note: There is NOT a clinic on June 12.

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4-H Teen Teachers

Are you a high-schooler looking to unleash your leadership potential, make lifelong friends, and leave a positive mark on your community? If you answered 'YES!' to any of these questions, then 4-H Teen Teachers is the perfect opportunity for you!

As a 4-H Teen Teacher, you'll embark on a journey of personal and professional growth. Gain valuable leadership skills, build confidence, and earn community service hours that will shine on your resume. Our dynamic program offers a unique opportunity to lead fun, hand-on activities for kids.

Upcoming Training Dates:

- May 22
- June 3, 4 & 5

extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/teens-teachers-program



Dog SPIN Club

Hello, my name is Alycia Conrad. I've been training dogs since 2005 in agility, rally, dock diving, frisbee, and fast cat. My whole life revolves around dogs between being a professional groomer to training my own dogs. What I hope to see and accomplish with the 4-H kids this year I hope to teach them that training can be fun and how to build a bond with their dogs. Dogs that are motivated by toys or food are the best candidates for training, but we can all learn something. Classes will begin on May 7th at 6pm at my outdoor ring in Pekin please contact Alycia Conrad at (815) 992-5126 to be involved in obedience, basic agility, and some dog gone fun.



Attention Poultry Exhibitors!

As show season approaches, protecting poultry health is paramount for ensuring a safe environment for all. Pullorum testing detects this contagious disease, safeguarding flocks and preventing its spread - and is now required for all birds (except water fowl) that will be exhibited at 2024 shows and fairs.

July 22, 2023, 5:30pm

**Hoerr Veterinary Service, Morton
free on this date & time**

Please contact call Hoerr Veterinary Service directly (309.266.8444) with number of birds to be tested.

Prepare for Lift Off! 4-H Aerospace Workshop

Have a blast and register now for Prepare for Lift Off! Go.illinois.edu/PrepareforLiftOff

Thursday, June 6, 6 PM
U of I Extension office, Pekin
Free

This free workshop is fantastic for anyone ages 8-18 who is interested in learning more about exhibiting rockets in the 4-H Show & Jr. Fair. Not only will you be learning about exhibiting rockets from one of the Tazewell 4-H Show judges, Michael Rodman, but he will also cover measures that will keep you safe and those around you during blast off.

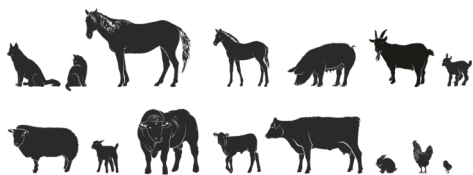
Parents are welcome to enjoy this workshop as well and ask any questions they may have about their child exhibiting rockets in 4-H.

More Project Workshops

Are you ready to take your project to the next level? Check out these upcoming workshops designed to deepen your knowledge and skills in your chosen project areas.

Mixed Planter - May 18 | 8am | Hodgson's Greenhouse, Kilbourne | Free | Contact Joli, jkpierse@illinois.edu

Quilting Basics - May 21 | 5pm | Peoria Branch Office | \$10 | Contact Kristi (kristis2@illinois.edu)



Animal Project 4-H Policy

All exhibitors in Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, and/or Swine are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification, annually via yqcaprogram.org This training may be completed in-person or online, fees vary.

Certification deadline is July 15.

Exhibitors in Dog, Horse, Poultry and/or Rabbit are required to complete Quality Assurance & Ethics (QAEC), available through 4h.ZSuite.com. This includes the five main sections AND an individual species section. **Certification need only be done once. Certification deadline is July 15**

Horses—Ownership and Lease papers and photos were due to the U of I Extension office by April 15.

State Fair Jr. Livestock Entries

ISF Jr. Horse Show entries are due to Extension office by June 14, 2024.

ISF Livestock Jr. Show Entries are due by JUNE 29, 2024.

Details for exhibiting livestock at IL State Fair at agr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/agr/animals/animalhealth/documents/isfhealthreq.pdf

Parade of Banners

All Tazewell County 4-H Clubs are invited to participate in the Parade of Banners on Tuesday, July 30. It will be right after the Livestock Parade in the Livestock Arena.

Each club may select one or two banner carriers (who are NOT in the Livestock Parade). The banner carriers should meet at 5:55 PM in the Livestock Arena to line up and receive directions.

The Parade of Banners is a great way to get 4-H members involved in the fair and leadership responsibilities. You can use it to encourage new members or members who want an easy way to be involved.

Fair Entry Deadline—July 1

To register for the Tazewell 4-H Show, you will use the online FairEntry.com system. It strongly recommended to complete it EARLY. The Registration deadline is 11:59 PM on Monday, July 1, 2024.

Tazewell 4-H members must be enrolled in 4-H program by May 1 to be eligible to register for the 4-H Show. 4-H members must be enrolled in the correlating project to take an exhibit to the 4-H Show. Use the 2024 Show Book to register! All exhibits must be registered by the July 1 deadline to be considered for awards, premiums, and State Fair.

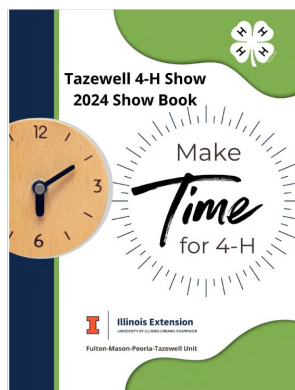
NOTE: Please keep in mind that FairEntry has limitations in its settings. Thus, we will be using the rules as printed in the Show Book as our established guidelines for the show.

Each exhibitor is responsible for his/her own entry. All Tazewell County youth are eligible to enter classes for the Tazewell Jr. Fair. 4-H membership and project enrollment are not required.

Fair Entry is Now Open

ALL Tazewell County 4-H members planning on exhibiting at the 2024 Tazewell 4-H Show & Jr. Fair will need to register for their eligible exhibit opportunities by July 1.

<https://FairEntry.com>



2024 4-H Show Books Available

Hard copies of the 2024 Tazewell County Show Book are available for pick up in the Extension Office or it is on our Tazewell 4-H webpage under Fairs and Shows.

extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2024tazshowbook.pdf



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FARM SAFETY DAY
Tuesday, June 11, 2024
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fulton County Fairgrounds, Lewistown
Ages 6 and up
For more information or to register:
GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/FARMSAFETYDAY



Youth ages 6 and older are invited to register for our annual Farm Safety Day. Participants attend activity stations and learn about a variety of important safety lessons: Fire, Livestock, ATV, Weather, Poisonous Plants, Cyber, and Electricity.

Register by May 20 to receive a gift at the conclusion of the event.

This event is free and includes lunch and water.

This program is a partnership with Fulton and Mason Farm Bureaus, University of Illinois Extension, and 4-H.

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation contact University of Illinois Extension Fulton County, 309-547-3711.