



Tazewell Tribune

4-H Member Newsletter

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

DEAR 4-H FAMILIES,

While this year has been anything but normal, you have proven how strong the individuals of Tazewell 4-H are! You have shown patience and perseverance, and I am forever grateful to you for sticking with it.

This holiday season, I keep finding reasons to smile. From bumping into 4-H members/parents/volunteers out and about, to Christmas cards from 4-H families. You ALL give me a reason to smile! So, what's making you smile? Perhaps, traditions brought back or new memories being made. Whatever the reason, may you keep smiling!

I am wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Katharine

Katharine Girone
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WHY AM I RECEIVING A TAZEWELL TRIBUNE?

Wondering why you received this newsletter? Well, somewhere along the way, you requested information about Tazewell's 4-H program. If you need help getting started in 4-H; contact girone1@illinois.edu.

Or maybe, you've had a child in 4-H. Are they re-enrolled for the 2020-2021 4-H year? Even our 4-H volunteers receive a copy, and will need to re-enroll through 4-H Online (<http://v2.4honline.com>).

These newsletters share upcoming events, opportunities (local, state, and national), tips and assistance, and numerous other resources to 4-H families and volunteers. I highly encourage everyone to take some time to read through them.

If you no longer wish to receive 4-H emails or mailings, please email girone1@illinois.edu to be removed from the contact lists.

IMPORTANT TAZEWELL 4-H DEADLINES

MARCH 1, 2021: 4-H GENERAL ENROLLMENT—Anyone planning to enroll in the Tazewell 4-H program must complete their online Enrollment and pay their program fee by March 1 in order to be eligible to register for the 4-H Show exhibit opportunity. ALL projects must be selected at this time! Use the 2020-2021 Project Guide to enroll.

APRIL 15, 2021: HORSE & PONY ID & LEASE FORMS—Tazewell County 4-H members planning to exhibit their horse/pony at the 4-H Show and Jr. Fair are required to complete an ID form and Ownership or Lease papers and turn in a copy of their current Coggins test to the Extension office by April 15. Packets will mailed out to members after March 1.

JUNE 15, 2021: 4-H SHOW REGISTRATION—ALL Tazewell County 4-H members planning on exhibiting at the 2021 Tazewell 4-H Show & Jr. Fair will need to register for their eligible exhibit opportunities by June 15.



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Local 4-H EVENTS

Schedule updates will be shared via emails, our website, and Facebook page. Thank you for your continued patience.

December

24-31 Christmas Break, Extension office closed

January

1 New Year's Day, Extension office closed

4 Spark Camp: Winter Sessions registration opens

14 Federation, Time TBA, Zoom

18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Extension office closed

These plans may change based on guidance and direction provided by the local public health department. If you have any questions about events, please contact our office at (309) 347-6614.

We are working to support all Illinois families at this time. We appreciate your support and understanding as we navigate this situation.

INFORMATION TO MAKE YOUR NEW YEAR SPARKLE!

Check out the 2020-2021 Project Guide. County offices have the publication, or you can download it @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>. In addition to projects, you can see events, contests, conferences, and leadership opportunities in the areas you're studying! There are a couple of new project areas, so be sure to take a look at all your options.

Cloverbuds should select "Cloverbud" as their project. Cloverbud leaders will be able to special order resources to assist with Cloverbud club meetings and project learning.

FIND HELP FOR YOUR PROJECTS

We have dozens of projects you can choose to take and ways to help you learn! Check out the resources available @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>.

Contact the Tazewell Extension office if you have questions about any of the project materials.



JANUARY ACTIVITY: PANCAKE ART CHALLENGE

Thursday, January 14 at TBA via Zoom
Members will receive an email with the details & invite. The time of the Zoom will be shared soon.

Tazewell 4-H members in 8th Grade and up are welcomed and encouraged to become involved in Federation! It is a great opportunity to expand your leadership skills and make new friends. Members coordinate special events, volunteer in leadership roles at 4-H events, work on community service together, and have fun!

JUST SO YOU KNOW...

The 2021 Tazewell County 4-H Show & Jr. Fair is July 26-28.

Illinois State Fair will run August 12-22.

Other dates will be shared as they are released.

4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

It's time to enroll and re-enroll in 4-H! The enrollment process is to be completed through the new 4-H Online 2.0, <http://v2.4honline.com>. Here are some tips.

Re-enrollment: If you are re-enrolling, do NOT create a new profile. You will need the email address and password you created last year. If you can't remember which email you used, Katharine will look it up for you. If you forgot your password, just use the "Reset password?" option on the login screen. Once you make it to your "Member List" screen, simply select the youth or adult volunteer member you want to re-enroll by clicking on the "Enroll Now" next to their name. **ALL adult volunteers will need to re-enroll, as well.** Please edit any information that has changed. Your years in 4-H, age, and grade should have transfer correctly, but double check everything. As this is a NEW version of 4-H Online, you will have to select any and all the projects you are interested in. Unfortunately, at this time, once you've submitted your enrollment, you won't be able to add or remove projects. If you have already completed your enrollment, and need to add more projects, go ahead and send Katharine an email.

New Enrollment: If you are adding a new youth to the family or just getting started in 4-H Online for the first time, contact girone1@illinois.edu or 309-347-6614 for assistance. Remember, you will have to add at least one project to submit your enrollment.

Please remember, you will not be activated until payment is received. *If the annual 4-H Program Fee causes financial hardship to your family, please contact Katharine.*

Katharine sent out an email on October 29 with the step by step instructions on enrollment.

Publications (4-H project manuals/workbooks) are no longer part of the 4-H Online system. Please read the article to the right regarding the changes to ordering publications.

To be eligible to exhibit in the Tazewell 4-H Show, your enrollments are DUE MARCH 1!

Please note the Extension office is closed December 24–January 3.

ORDERING 4-H PROJECT MANUALS

One of the changes 4-H Online 2.0 has brought is how you select 4-H project manuals. You will not see an option for selecting the materials like you used to while you were selecting your project areas. Now, you will go to an outside website to submit your order.

1. Members must enroll/re-enroll at <http://v2.4honline.com>, submit for approval, and pay.
2. Katharine receives your enrollment and payment, then approves each member.
3. Once approved, you will receive an email saying you have been approved and there will be a link to request publications. Fill out this request form for what you would like to order.

Some publications are only available as a download. You will receive a separate email with the link to the download. Some downloads are free, and some have a cost. If the publication has a cost, contact the Extension office before downloading. Members that enrolled early on may not have received this email; the publication request process was recently finalized. If you did not receive the request email and would like publications, please contact the Extension office either by phone or send Katharine an email with what you need.

OCTOBER 4-H QUEST CLUB MEETING

The 4-H Quest Club met on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at Idlewood Park in Morton. We started with a game, led by Isaac Guenther. Todd Smith called the meeting to order and Joseph Guenther led the pledges. The secretary took roll and read the minutes, and the president welcomed our guest, Katharine Girone. She shared her experience as a 4-H member and gave us information about upcoming 4-H events and activities.

For new business, we discussed how we were going to handle speeches and demonstrations and voted. Then, we held officer elections, and they are as follows:

President: Joshua Gay
Vice President: Isaac Guenther
Secretary: Ava Nelson
Recreation Leader: Joseph Guenther
Citizen Chairman: Matthew Gay
Reporter: Annelyse Smith
Photographer: Kaiden Nelson

Annelyse Smith, Reporter

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Send Katharine your Sr. Picture to be included in the 2021 4-H Show Book. An electronic version is best, but in a pinch a copy will work, too.

Please include the following information:

Name

4-H Club(s) – (include county clubs as well as State committees)

If you have had a project focus or favorite project, what is it?

In a short description describe **one** of the following:

Something you learned during your years in 4-H

A favorite 4-H memory

Advice to younger 4-Hers

What are your plans for next year?

Are there any 4-H volunteers you would like to thank publicly?

Send to gironet1@illinois.edu by March 1.

INTERESTED IN HORSES?

Lessons, training, and leases available for 4-H members looking to do the Horse project in 4-H. Would prefer ages 9 and up, and no experience needed. Learn safety, care, and how to prep for shows and horse events. Available horses are beginner-advanced in English and western. Opportunities to show or help at non 4-H shows, as well. Please contact Audrey Aberle at (309) 202-7654 for more information and details.

REMINDER...

Your \$20 per member annual 4-H Program Fee must be paid before I will accept your enrollment!!

You can pay via card through 4-H Online 2.0, mail a check, or drop off payment at the Extension office. Checks should be made out to *University of Illinois*.

Also, we still offer the "Family Discount". Each member in your family after the third youth is free.

Payment will need to be received by March 1.

LEADERS, SECRETARIES, & TREASURERS

4-H Secretary and Treasurer Books are available online and in a writable format. If you need a printed copy, contact Katharine. The link is: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/meeting-resources>.

CURRENT EXTENSION HOURS

Tazewell County Extension office is minimally staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed 12-1). However, we are not open to the public because of COVID concerns. We are happy to provide you with curbside service, but please email Katharine before hand to prepare your items/materials. Give us a call when you are in the parking lot for a pick up or drop off; (309) 347-6614.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS 4-H VIRTUAL ESPORTS SPIN CLUB?

With eSports becoming one of the largest growing tech industries in the world, with an annual revenue of \$1.5 billion with an expectation to reach \$2.2 billion by 2023, it is time our youth become poised and ready to meet the demands of this growing field.

Are you **at least 12 years old and own a computer or gaming system**? This year, Illinois 4-H released a pilot curriculum focused on the growing field of electronic sports, or eSports, and we would like to pilot it with you! As a pilot, we hope to add to and modify the curriculum based on the feedback and input of the youth involved. Under the direction of Illinois 4-H Computer Science Innovator Eric Li, youth will be virtually guided (using Zoom) through the eSports Pilot curriculum, learn the basics of the eSports field, and learn about the hardware and software that makes eSports possible. In addition, youth will be able to play and practice their favorite games as a team, and potentially compete in one or more eSports competitions through the Spring and Summer.

Registration for this opportunity is open and closes on Jan. 15, with meetings beginning the third week of January. Schedule and goals will be determined/presented in the first meeting with plans on meeting at least twice a month (and more frequently before competitions).

Interested youth can sign up at the link below:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22817>

For questions or comments, please contact the Illinois 4-H STEM Team at Illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu.

I encourage you to invite a friend to join 4-H with you! Think about all the fun you could have together year-round!

NUTRIEN ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN GRANT

In coordination with the National 4-H Council and the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders will work with an industry leader in addressing topics of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. Teams must consist of three youth leaders and one adult mentor. Applications are due December 31, 2020. Projects will be supported up to \$1,000.

Link to application: <https://go.illinois.edu/NutrienCAP>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

ILLINOIS 4-H FOOD ADVOCACY TEAM ANNOUNCES FOOD ADVOCACY GRANT

Want to do more about food insecurity where you live? With the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders throughout Illinois will have the opportunity to receive financial support for projects addressing food security, food access, and food justice in their neighborhoods and communities. Applications are due Monday, December 21 for review by the Food Advocacy Team. For more information and ideas for service-learning projects, see the online application: <https://go.illinois.edu/FoodAdvocacyGrant>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE UPCOMING 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH AGRI-SCIENCE SUMMIT

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting. The summit will be an opportunity to meet like-minded peers from across the country, learn more about career opportunities, and network with professionals in the field of Agri-science. As a cornerstone of the experience, participants are challenged to identify and develop action plans that address issues related to agriculture in their community. For more information visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#.lagri-science>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

BARRED OWL NEST BOX CHALLENGE

It's not too late to jump in on the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge. Last year, over 30 sets of boxes were installed, and are set to be monitored this coming spring! New boxes must be made and set by mid-January at the latest to give momma owl time to find and choose her favorite style of nest box!

For details and instructions, contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.



ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

If you are curious as to what college or career is right for you, plan now to join us and discover new possibilities at the Illini Summer Academies (ISA)! At ISA you can expect a fun and exploratory experience featuring a virtual academy session and a variety of new workshops and fun virtual activities.

For questions, contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu.

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SUMMER ACADEMIES

Save the Date

Virtual
Illini Summer Academies
June 27 - July 1, 2021

ISA will be held virtually.
Details are coming soon!



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4-H SPARK CAMP: WINTER EDITION

Our 4-H Spark Camp has been a HUGE success this fall... So, we're doing it again! Registration for 4-H Spark Camp: Winter Edition will open on January 4, 2021. You'll receive the details about all the hands-on, virtual fun at that time, including: session dates, kit pick-up times, and activity descriptions. Just as before, you can register for any or all of the sessions, and you'll pick up your free kit of materials at your local Extension office a few days before the Zoom session. Since we can't have Clover Clinic this February, 4-H Spark Camp sessions are a great way to learn new skills, meet new friends, and discover new passions! Sessions fill up fast, so be sure to mark January 4 on your calendars to register! Also, Spark Camp is not just for current 4-H members, so please feel free to share this unique opportunity with your friends and family outside of 4-H!

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