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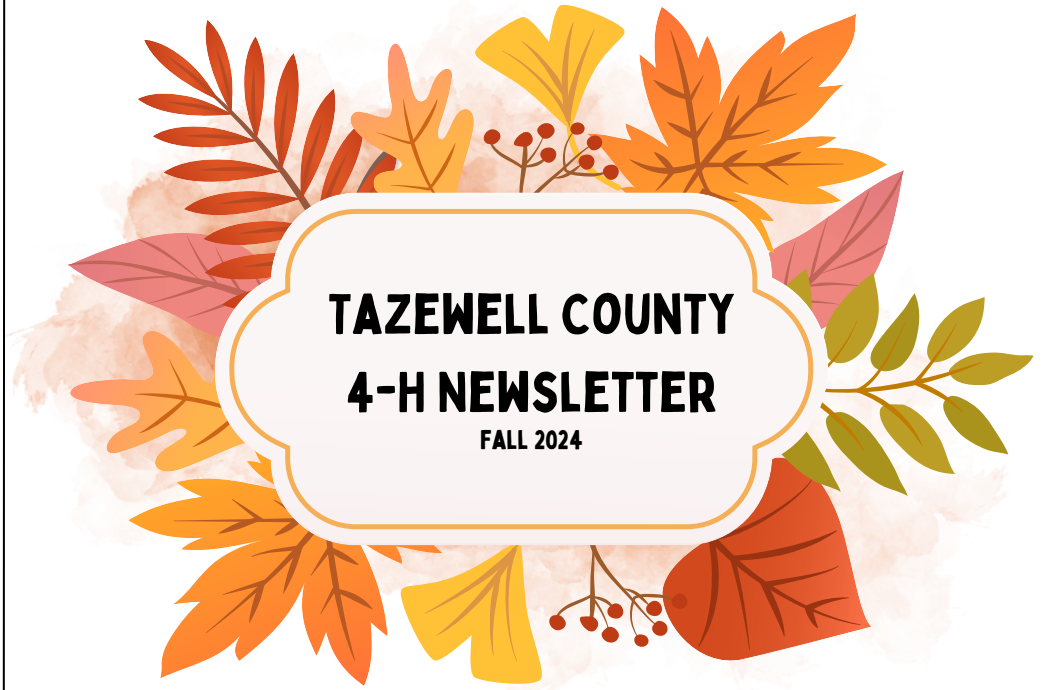
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HAPPY (4-H) NEW YEAR! Z-SUITE ENROLLMENT

We're not sure about you all, but we're excited for the fall weather that is hopefully headed our way.

Speaking of things we're excited about, we're also excited to be kicking off another 4-H year with you all! This past year was full of learning, achievement, and growth. We can't wait to do it all again this year!

May your new year bring new topics to explore and inspiration for the year to come. We can't wait to see what the new year brings!

Abbie & Lynda

Ready to join a club?

Z-Suite Enrollment will begin on October 1. This is a process that has to be done each year, whether or not you've been involved in 4-H in the past. It must be completed by the 4-Her as well as any adult that is a leader or volunteer (no fee for adult volunteers).

An enrollment fee of \$20 is required to be a 4-H member. Take action early as **enrollment fees will be discounted to \$10 for those that enroll and pay their fee before midnight on Nov 30.** Go to **4h.zsuite.org** to get started!

BY THE NUMBERS

Individual Projects Exhibited: 915
Livestock Exhibitors: 83
Total Exhibitors: 163

RIBBONS

Blue: 875
Red: 22
White: 0
Green (Cloverbuds): 17



STATE FAIR (GENERAL PROJECTS)

Delegates: 81
Alternates: 56
Tazewell County Attendees: 47

TROPHIES

Banners: 22
Plaques: 74
Total: 96



If you know you won a trophy and didn't get it at the awards ceremony, please stop by the Extension office to pick it up

DON'T FORGET

Did you win a trophy this year? If you did, congratulations on an outstanding exhibit! You earned it! But, don't forget to write a thank you note to the person or local business that sponsored your trophy. Our sponsors are what make your trophy possible! Each plaque and banner given has a card attached with the name of the sponsor and their address. If you lost your card, please let Lynda or Abbie know and they will give you the address.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the 4-H members and volunteers who worked in the HCE Food Stand during the fair. All your help and loyal business was very appreciated. Each of you were great help and good company to work with!
- Tazewell County HCE

WHAT DID YOU THINK?

Thank YOU for making the 2024 Tazewell County 4-H Show and Junior Fair a success! Even though the fair is over, we want to know what you thought of this year's 4-H Fair. What did you like? What could be done better? If you have thoughts, let us know by scanning the QR code below!



[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/5WHFE4FSUHUHWFZA](https://forms.gle/5WHFE4FSUHUHWFZA)

CONGRATULATIONS!

A big congratulations to all our 4-H'ers that exhibited projects at livestock shows around the area as well as at the Illinois State Fair! You make Tazewell County 4-H proud!



MISSING PART OF YOUR PROJECT?

There are still a few projects and other items left over from the fair at the Extension office. If you did not receive your project (or part of your project), State Fair certificate, or anything else from the fair, please drop by the office to pick it up. Thank you!



CLUB OFFICER AND LEADER TRAINING

Calling all club leaders and officers! You're invited to club officer and leader training! This is a unit-wide event where participants will learn about club leadership roles, meet other leaders and officers from around the unit, and have the opportunity to hear from experienced leaders from Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell counties. Whether you're brand new to 4-H leadership or have served for many years, this training is encouraged! This event will be on October 19, 9 am - noon. Location and registration will be coming at a later time so keep an eye on your email for more information!

NEW CLUB

A warm welcome to our newest club, Galloping Clovers! This club will be led by Diana Vannaken, Ashley Helleman, and Audrey Aberle. At each meeting, members will explore a variety of topics related to horses including horse care, safety, exploration of different breeds and much more. The first meeting will be held at the Tremont Community Building in Tremont on October 21 at 6:30 PM. If you're interested in joining this club, be sure to sign up when enrolling for this 4-H year.

ILLINOIS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are open to Illinois 4-H members age 15-19 as of 9/1/2024. To apply you must have been enrolled in the 2023-2024 4-H year. Applicants can only win one scholarship per program year, and can only win once in each of the different award areas. Scholarship applications are due November 1. Two recommendations must be sent in. For more information or to start an application go to: 4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/awards-scholarships/scholarships



FEDERATION IS BACK!

Become a leader in the Tazewell County 4-H community by joining Federation! This is a county-wide 4-H club open to 4-H members who are in 8th grade and above. This group will meet throughout the year and gets involved in a variety of social events, service and leadership opportunities, and much more. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to make new friends from around the county. Federation members are required to be a member of another 4-H club as well.

WHEN: October 25, 2024 at 6 PM

WHERE: Tazewell County Farm Bureau Building
1505 Valle Vista Blvd, Pekin

WHAT: Business meeting and game night

Please RSVP to Abbie (abbiep@illinois.edu) if you're able to attend. If you're interested and aren't able to make it, send Abbie an email with your contact information and we'll see you next time! Parents are welcome to attend if they would like, but attendance is not required.



2024-2025 NEW PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



COSTUME DESIGN

Have you ever wondered what goes into making your favorite screen or stage characters look their part? This project will help you dive deep into why clothing choices are so important to making a production a success.



CLOTHING EMBELLISHMENT

Adding your own personal touch to your clothes is now something you can show off at the 4-H fair! Embellish your clothes your with beads, dye, embroidery, paint, and more.



BABYSITTING (REPLACING CHILD DEVELOPMENT)

Take your babysitting to the next level by exploring what makes a responsible, fun, and safe babysitter.





4-H CHECKLIST 2024-2025



ENROLLMENT

- Complete online enrollments** for 2024 - 2025. Opens October 1, 2024.
4h.zsuite.org
- Pay the annual Program Fee** (\$20/member; \$10/member if I register and pay before midnight on November 30)

PROJECT

- Choose at least 1 project**
- Order my project books** at go.illinois.edu/FMPTPubs
- Give a talk/demonstration** to my club about one of my projects
- If doing a Public Speaking or a live animal project, **watch my email for important additional details**
- If doing a live animal project, **complete ethics training**
 - YQCA required annually if exhibiting Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, or Swine
 - QAEC required once if exhibiting Cats, Dogs, Horses, Poultry, or Rabbits
 - *Must be completed by July 15*

PARTICIPATION

- Attend at least 1 club meeting** (*Parents are encouraged to attend meetings and volunteer when the leader needs help*)
- Read the newsletter and watch email** for important information
- Like us on Facebook** to see announcements and reminders

EXHIBITING

- Prepare for show dates (July 2025).** exhibitors must be present for in-person judging. Tazewell County 4-H Show dates are July 28, 29, 30, 2025
- Read the exhibit requirements for my projects in the show book**, which is made available to families in the spring
- Register which of my projects I plan to exhibit.** Being enrolled in a project does not automatically mean you will exhibit it, so registration is required in FairEntry. Deadline is July 1, 2025
- Prepare my exhibits** Parents and mentors can guide and assist with project work, but members are expected to complete their exhibits themselves



SEPTEMBER

September 20 - Club financial paperwork due to Extension office

OCTOBER

October 1 - Z-Suite enrollment opens for 2024-2025 4-H year

October 6-12 - National 4-H Week

October 19 - Officer and Leader Training, 9 AM - Noon

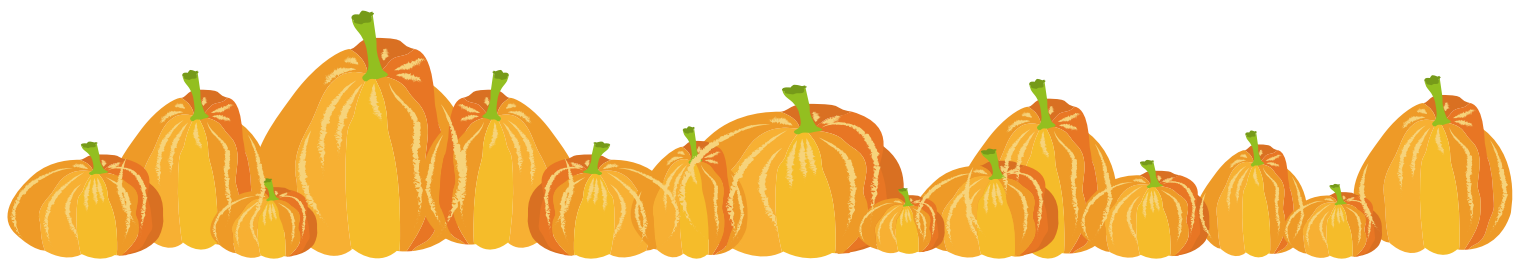
October 25 - Federation meeting, 6:30 pm at Tazewell County Farm Bureau, Pekin

NOVEMBER

November 1 - Illinois 4-H Scholarship applications due

November 28-29 - Extension office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

November 30 - Deadline for 4-H program fee discount in Z-Suite



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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have something to share, we'd love to include you in our quarterly newsletter, whether it's praise for a job well-done, an announcement for a local event, or something else you'd like to share with our Tazewell County 4-H friends and families. Send in your submissions to Abbie (abbiep@illinois.edu) or Lynda (Irs11@illinois.edu).

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