

4-H NEWSLETTER

May & June 2022

Congratulations to the Tazewell Public Speaking Members!

On Monday, April 4, nine Tazewell 4-H members participated in our Public Speaking Contest. All the speakers did a fantastic job, and covered a wide variety of topics. I know I learned several new things from these outstanding youth!

Participants included: Oliver B., Victoria B., Kaitlyn B., Gracen D., Noah D., Frankie F., Cayden S., Jillian S., and Trina S.

Gracen D., Cayden S., and Trina S. were selected to represent Tazewell County at the Illinois State Public Speaking Contest on Saturday, April 30 in Champaign.

Trina S. was selected as the 2022 Tazewell County Outstanding Public Speaker and will receive a trophy.

Free Baby Chicks

Each year, Embryology in the Classroom is offered to Peoria & Tazewell classrooms, but we need homes for the chicks hatched. They will be straight run and a variety of purebreds and barnyard mixes; all great laying breeds.



If you are interested and set up for chickens, please contact Katharine at gironel@illinois.edu to reserve your free chicks. Pick up will be Friday, May 20 at 4 PM in the Peoria AND Tazewell Extension offices.

Congratulations to the Tazewell Horse Bowl & Hippology Participants!



Tazewell County had five members compete in our regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest on Saturday, March 28 in Champaign.

Local results:

Eva K. – 2nd Place Junior Horse Bowl team
Hanna K. – 5th Place Junior Hippology and advanced to State Contest; 3rd Place Junior Horse Bowl Individual and 2nd Place Junior Horse Bowl team
Nicholas L. – 4th Place Senior Hippology and advanced to State Contest; 7th Place Senior Horse Bowl Individual and 2nd Place Senior Horse Bowl team
Sarah L. – 9th Place Intermediate Hippology; 4th Place Junior Horse Bowl Individual and 2nd Place Junior Horse Bowl team
Reagan Z. – 4th Place Junior Hippology and advanced to State Contest; 6th Place Junior Horse Bowl Individual and 2nd Place Junior Horse Bowl team.

On April 23 and 24, the State Horse Bowl and Hippology contests were held in Urbana. Two members placed in the Top 10 of the Junior Hippology Division! Hanna K. earned 4th and Reagan Z. was 9th.

Looking for a way to help at the Tazewell 4-H Fair & Jr. Show?

We are always looking for volunteers from ages 12 to 99. From department assistants to judging assistants to building supervisors to food stand workers and photographers, we have something for everyone to do! If you are interested, please contact Katharine at girone1@illinois.edu. *If teens need community service hours, this is a perfect opportunity to earn some!*

Don't Forget to Pay your 2021-2022 4-H Program Fees!

Invoices will soon be sent to the 4-H members that opted to pay via check and have not already paid. If you believe this maybe you (or your child(ren)), feel free to check in with Katharine. Checks should be written out to *University of Illinois*. Again, 4-H program fees are \$20 per youth annually.



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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.

Krista Gray

4-H Program Coordinator, Fulton County

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2022 Tazewell 4-H Show Dates:

- Friday, July 1 – 4-H Show Entries Due
- Tuesday, July 12 – Clothing & Textile Judging at the Tazewell Extension office
- Friday, July 15 – QAEC & YQCA Trainings Due (*required for animal project exhibitors; details will be emailed directly to those enrolled in appropriate projects*)
- Saturday, July 30 – 4-H Show set up in the morning
- Monday, August 1 – 4-H Show
- Tuesday, August 2 – 4-H Show
- Wednesday, August 3 – 4-H Show and clean up in evening
- Saturday, August 13 – Tazewell's Day at the Illinois State Fair



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Congratulations to our 2022 High School Graduates!

Jenna Adair, Sam Carl, Lauren Haas, Livia Kimberlin, McKealey Klokenga, Samuel Knapp, Sarah Koch, Brooke Olson, Tess Schneblin, Anna Soupos, and Alicia Williams

Tazewell 4-H has been lucky to have these young adults as part of its family, and I hope they always carry a bit of their 4-H knowledge with them wherever life takes them. We are so proud of all your accomplishments and the opportunities ahead of you are endless!

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Horse Ownership/Lease and ID Forms

All 4-H members planning to exhibit in Horse projects are required to complete and return proof of ownership or lease papers, photo ID of horses and copies of most recent Coggins test results. All forms and photos are due to the Tazewell Extension office by **Friday, May 13**.

Hard copies of the forms will be mailed directly to 4-H members enrolled in Horse projects. If you have any questions, you may contact the Extension office or a Horse Superintendent.

Lambs & Goats for Illinois State Fair

Lambs for the 2022 Illinois State Fair Junior and Open Premiere (carcass) shows must be nominated, weighed, and tattooed between (including) March 15 and May 15, 2022 at the local county level. Please contact the Tazewell Extension office to schedule a date and time

Non-Premiere lambs and goats for state fair (those showing in the live show only)

All non-premiere lambs and goats for state fair junior show will be Self-Nominated in 2022 as follows:

- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (closeup photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.
- This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2022.
- Contact the Tazewell Extension office for the form and assistance.

Animal Project 4-H Policy

4-H members enrolled in Animal projects will be emailed details on the requirements to exhibit each specie. We are still using Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) and Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) as the two certification programs in Illinois 4-H.

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 you can pick it up in the office. This request system will automatically email you any free, downloadable project resources when you select those items through the site.

Parade of Banners

All Tazewell County 4-H Clubs are invited to participate in the Parade of Banners on Tuesday, August 2. 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.

Superintendents Wanted!

There are several departments in need of Superintendents. Public Speaking and Clothing & Textiles need at least one volunteer each. There is also an opening for an additional Superintendent in the Communications Department. Please let Katharine know if you are interested or know of someone who is.

4-H Poultry Exhibitors

IDOA has filed for emergency rule prohibiting the sale or exhibition of poultry and poultry products at Illinois events, including fair exhibitions, to prevent the spread of avian influenza. These rules will be assessed in 45-day increments and will stay in effect for up to 150 days. This would apply to 4-H shows, live animal workshops and exhibit opportunities. If live exhibitions cannot happen, your local Extension office will provide more details regarding optional exhibition opportunities.

Risk Release Form

Is your risk and release from liability and claim form on file in the Tazewell Extension office? Well, if it's not, you will soon be receiving an email about completing one. The current form is included on the next page for your reference.

We are using one risk and release from liability and claim form for all of Extension's programs/activities; this includes 4-H. All Extension participants (this includes all youth 4-H members) and volunteers will sign this form **JUST ONCE**, and it will be kept on file in the appropriate Extension office.

**Extension Participant/Volunteer
AGREEMENT TO ASSUME RISKS AND FULLY RELEASE ALL CLAIMS**



Risks of Extension Activities. I understand that my participation in University of Illinois Extension activities can present risks of physical injury (including death or disability) to me and damage to my personal property. The University of Illinois does not guarantee my personal health or safety or protect me against property loss. Physical injury to me or property damage may result from known or unexpected risks arising from things such as: use of equipment, materials, or facilities; environmental conditions, including poisonous plants, insects, and extreme heat or cold and other weather-related hazards; natural disasters; water activities; transportation; actions of others; animal behaviors; unavailability of immediate or adequate emergency care; infectious diseases; and slips and falls.

Risks of 4-H Equine Activities. Equine (horse, pony, mule, donkey, or hinny) activities present dangerous risks of injury and harm, regardless of the safety measures taken. If a horse or other equine animal is frightened or provoked, I understand that it might ignore its training and act according to its natural survival instincts, which may include actions such as unexpected change of directions or speed; running; sudden movement or stopping; shifting weight; bucking; rearing; kicking; and biting. I understand that **UNDER THE ILLINOIS EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT, EACH PARTICIPANT WHO ENGAGES IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY EXPRESSLY ASSUMES THE RISK OF ENGAGING IN AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INJURY, LOSS, OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM THE RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.** *Risk of equine activities* means dangers including but not limited to: (1) propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them; (2) unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, other animals or other things; (3) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (4) collisions with other equines or objects; and (5) the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within his or her ability.

Risks of 4-H Shooting Sports Activities: Shooting sports involve the use of firearms, live ammunition, or archery equipment. I understand that there are inherent dangers associated with my participation in shooting sports, including observation. The potential dangers include, among other things, gunshot or archery wounds that can result in paralysis or loss of vision, limb, or life.

Assumption of Risks and Release of Claims: In consideration for allowing me to participate in Extension activities, I voluntarily assume all risk of injury and loss that I may sustain or suffer in connection with my participation in the activities described in this Agreement, and I forever and fully release, waive, and discharge all claims, demands, actions, and causes of action, known or unknown, that I have or that may accrue to me in the future ("Claims") against the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers (individually a "Releasee") for personal injuries (including death), damage to property, and all liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses (including attorney fees) arising out of or resulting from my participation in Extension activities, including all Claims arising, in whole or in part, from the negligence of any Releasee. This Agreement is binding on my heirs, assigns, and representatives.

Effective Date: This Agreement is effective on the date signed by me ("Effective Date") and replaces any similar agreements previously signed by me as to Extension activities that occur on or after the Effective Date.

PARTICIPANT/VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ **BIRTHDATE:** _____

HOME STREET ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____

STATE: _____ **ZIP:** _____ **PHONE:** _____ **EMAIL:** _____

IF PARTICIPANT/VOLUNTEER IS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD:

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ **PHONE/EMAIL:** _____

FMPT Unit News



Make a difference. Make new friends. Teach others. Have fun.

Being part of the 4-H Teen Teacher program is a great way to make an impact on kids in your community! Come learn about the program, meet current teen teachers, and eat pizza!

Teen Teacher Information Nights:

- Monday, May 9, 6 -7p.m.
- Peoria County Extension office
- OR
- Wednesday, May 18, 6-7p.m.
- Fulton County Extension office

Contact 4-H Youth Development Educators to register:

Judy Schmidt – 309.685.3140 or

schmid7@illinois.edu

Emily Schoenfelder – 217.300.5557 or

eschoc@illinois.edu



4G STEM Camp | Girls + Games + Gadgets = Genius

Have you wondered what it would be like to work in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields in the Greater Peoria area? 4G STEM Camp is a weeklong day camp for girls interested in learning more about STEM careers. Join us to tour local businesses, do fun STEM activities, and make new friends! Plus, educators can register for our Teacher Track by May 5!

- June 20-24, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Bradley University, Peoria
- \$175 (Fee waivers available)
- For girls entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Learn more: go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMcamp

Teacher Track: go.illinois.edu/4GSTEMteachers



Are you ready to have 4-H Adventures in Nature? Every month, we'll send you nature-based activity challenges you and your family can complete together. For each month in which you complete a challenge, your family will receive a special prize to be given out at our Outdoor Adventure Fun Day on Saturday, August 27, 2022. Each month will be a different prize. Plus, you'll get a digital badge to reward your progress! Register at go.illinois.edu/AdventuresInNature.



Learn about cybersecurity through a Capture the Flag cyber competition.

Youth entering 6th to 8th grades.

go.illinois.edu/STEMacademy

Registration fee \$25. Fee waivers available.

Held at Goodwill Commons, Peoria

News from Illinois 4-H



The U of I College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences will host ACES Family Academies on July 14-15, 2022. ACES Family Academies is a two-day learning experience for alumni to bring youth ages

8-13 to stay on campus, eat in the residence halls, and participate in interactive classes, all while learning about ACES majors, programs, and research. Cost is \$125. Registration deadline is June 3, 2022. Full Schedule found here:

acesalumni.illinois.edu/events/aces-family-academies



Crop Scouting Competition

Aug 4, 2022 - Crop Sciences Research & Education Center, 4202 South 1st St., Savoy, IL 61874

Check-in and registration start at 8 a.m. The competition starts at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 1:30 p.m.

This outdoor competition event is open to high school students completing grades 9-12 this year. They will work in teams of 2 to 5 students led by an adult coach. Coaches can be FFA advisers, agriculture teachers, seed dealers, co-op employees, and others. No more than three teams per sponsoring organization (e.g. company, school, club). Meals will be provided.

Prizes: \$500 for 1st, \$300 for 2nd, and \$150 for 3rd.

Questions? Contact program coordinator Chelsea Harbach at harbach2@illinois.edu.



State 4-H Fishing Tournaments Ready to Go!

Easy to enter, easy to win! Learn rules and how to enter here:

4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year.

Entries just require a phone, tape measure and then upload information to: go.illinois.edu/fish4H

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

State 4-H Events

May

7

Adult Shooting sports leader certification 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

June

4

Summer Sizzle Shoot Chillicothe Sportsman's Club

5-9

Memorial Camp

12-16

Memorial Camp

20

State 4-H Livestock Judging

Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion

July

5-9

Memorial Camp

16

Shooting Sports Adult Certification

Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona

17-21

Memorial Camp

24 – 30

Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

August

10

SYPA General Livestock

12-14

State Fair Junior Livestock

Shows

13 – 15

Illinois State Fair

27

State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose

K-9 Enrichment Center, Dixon

2022 4-H State Shoots –

SAVE THESE DATES (but keep practicing now!)

- Archery: Sat, Sep 17, 2022 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, Illinois
- Shotgun: Sat, Sep 24, 2022 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, Illinois
- Rifle: Sat, Oct 8, 2022 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters (CIPS), Bloomington, Illinois
- Pistol: Sun, Oct 9, 2022 at CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois



Summer Sizzle Shoot

Join the Summer Sizzle Shoot at Chillicothe Sportsman's Club on June 4, 2022. This even is hosted by Marshall-Putnam 4-H Shooting Sports, and registration will be open until May 24, 2022. Learn more at extension.illinois.edu/blmp/4-h-marshall-putnam-counties. Our target is fun and we aim for a bullseye!



4-H Equity Challenge

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+. Apply by June 6. 4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application



True Leaders in Equity Institute

Empowering youth/adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership opportunity on July 11-14 in Bethesda, Maryland challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities. National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. Apply by June 6. 4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application

Volunteer Café Conversations

We hope to see you at our 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations on May 19! Don't miss this opportunity to share your great ideas with other Volunteers and Teens in Leadership roles! Link to register for the May 19, 7pm Volunteer Café Conversation: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=25159>



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FARM SAFETY DAY



Friday, June 3, 2022

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](https://go.illinois.edu/farmsafetyday)