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4-H MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Dear 4-H Families,

This year has been a whirlwind for me, and I am sure many can relate. So, I am making it a priority this holiday season to slow down and find JOY in every moment. Two my JOYS are on the back page. This 4-H Family is my JOY! Enjoy the holidays and the time spent with loved ones. May you cherish the traditions and make new memories.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

*Katharine*

Katharine Girone  
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4-H Youth Development

## Why am I receiving a Tazewell Tribune?

Are you wondering why you received this newsletter? Well, somewhere along the line, you requested information about Tazewell's 4-H program. If you need help getting started in 4-H; contact [girone1@illinois.edu](mailto:girone1@illinois.edu).

Or maybe, you have had a child in 4-H. Are they re-enrolled for the 2019-2020 4-H year? Even our 4-H volunteers receive a copy, and will need to re-enroll through 4-H Online (<https://il.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](mailto:girone1@illinois.edu) to be removed from the contact lists.

## Clover Clinic 2020

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 15 for the 2020 Clover Clinic at Illinois Central College. Be sure to watch your emails or check out <https://go.illinois.edu/4-HCloverClinic> for registration and class information.

Each year, Tazewell 4-H joins Fulton, Mason, and Peoria Counties for a huge project day called Clover Clinic. This large, regional event is held at ICC with about 30 different hands-on classes offered throughout the day. Pre-registration is required for this event, and attendees **do NOT need to be in 4-H (SO PLEASE SHARE)**. Classes fill up quickly, so watch your emails and the website closely!

## Horsin' Around Special Interest Club

Do you know someone who is horse-crazy and wants to learn all about horses? We have the perfect Special Interest (SPIN) Club for them!

Youth do not need a horse to join our fun study group called "Horse Bowl and Hippology".

Youth 8 to 13 years old will meet weekly for three months, January-April, to look over the 4-H Horse Manuals and other reference materials, and then play a game called "Horse Bowl".

We also bring in lots of horse items & equipment for good old fashioned "horsing around" fun.

**When:** Mondays, January-April

Begins January 6, 4-5 p.m.

**Where:** Christian Life Academy (CLA), Hopedale

**Who:** 8-13 year olds (if older & interested, please contact Katharine @ [girone1@illinois.edu](mailto:girone1@illinois.edu))

If interested, text Vera Betzelberger @ (309)231-6375 / [verabetzelberger@yahoo.com](mailto:verabetzelberger@yahoo.com).

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# Local 4-H EVENTS

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## IMPORTANT TAZEWELL 4-H DEADLINES

### MARCH 1, 2020: 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 2019-2020 Project Guide to enroll.

### APRIL 15, 2020: 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 be mailed out to members after March 1.

### JUNE 15, 2020: 4-H SHOW REGISTRATION — ALL

Tazewell County 4-H members planning on exhibiting at the 2020 Tazewell 4-H Show & Jr. Fair will need to register for their eligible exhibit opportunities by June 15.

### December

12 Federation Holiday Party, 6 p.m.  
Extension office, Pekin

24-31 Christmas Break, Extension office closed

### January

1 New Year's Day, Extension office closed

6 Horsin' Around SPIN Club begins, 4-5 p.m.,  
CLA, Hopedale

7 Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension office,  
Pekin

9 Federation, 6:30 p.m., Extension office,  
Pekin (*tentatively*)

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

24 Clover Clinic registration deadline

### February

4 Teacher Tuesday—Mentor Match Engine  
Showcase, 5 p.m., Pekin High School

13 Federation, 6:30 p.m., Extension office,  
Pekin (*tentatively*)

15 Clover Clinic at Illinois Central College

17 YQCA Face-to-Face Training, 9 a.m.,  
Extension office, Pekin

19 Embryology in the Classroom: Session 1  
Training, 4 p.m., Extension office, Pekin

20 Leader & Superintendent Mtg., 6:30 p.m.,  
Extension office, Pekin

## Visit the Tazewell County 4-H website!

We have undergone some major website changes since August, so be sure to take some time to explore our new website.

<https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-tazewell-county>

## Livestock judging Team

Would you like to hang out with friends and learn more about your livestock project? If you answered yes... the Livestock Judging Team is for you! This group will meet every other Monday, 6-8 pm. For the location and more information, please contact Coach Kristi Smith at: [kristilylnsmith530@gmail.com](mailto:kristilylnsmith530@gmail.com). Youth ages 8-18 are welcome to join.



## Taking an animal project? You better READ THIS!



**For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:**

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA, which no longer exists. **ALL** 4-H exhibitors of the above animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season.

You will need to attend either a face to face class or certify online via the website <http://yqca.org>.

The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21.

This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years.

Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H shows are no longer required to be PQA plus certified.

The estimated cost for the face-to-face training is \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

Tazewell will be offering two face to face trainings in 2020. The trainings should take about an hour and a half, and will be taught by Katharine. Youth from neighboring counties will be invited, too. **Be sure to register (with your 4-H Online credentials) through <http://yqca.org> for your desired training date.**

Tazewell Training Dates (*held in the Tazewell Extension office*):

Monday, Feb. 17 @ 9 a.m.

May's is TBD, but will be @ 6:30 p.m.



### **For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:**

The Quality Assurance and Ethics (QAE) training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. If you have already taken this for one of the above animals, then you are covered.

Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the project, and will not be eligible to exhibit at county shows.

The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>. *NOTE: Youth must use a computer for this program; not a tablet or smartphone.*

Youth in multiple species will be required to take both trainings when appropriate.

Examples:



Dairy Cattle and Poultry means you would take YQCA for Dairy and QAE (if you've never taken it) for Poultry .

Horses and Poultry means you only take QAE for both species.

**We are in need of several new Superintendents for the 2020 4-H Show! Communications, Crops, and Sheep are all in need of at least one Superintendent. Please let Katharine know if you are interested or know someone who is.**

### **NEEDED: Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest Volunteers**

We are in need of adult volunteers for the regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield. No horse experience needed! Please contact Emily Schoenfelder, [eschoe@illinois.edu](mailto:eschoe@illinois.edu), if you are available to assist. **THANK YOU!**

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

## High School Seniors

Send Katharine your Sr. Picture to be included in the 2020 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 [girone1@illinois.edu](mailto:girone1@illinois.edu) or 1505 Valle Vista Blvd.; Pekin, IL 61554. Deadline is March 1.

## REMINDER...

Your 4-H Program Fee must be paid before I can accept you as a member!!

You can pay via card through 4-H Online, but you will need to change the default payment option from check to credit card. (*Make sure your card information is up-to-date, or the payment will be declined.*)

You can mail your payment to the Tazewell Extension office.

Payment will need to be received by March 1.

## Save the date for 2020 Illini Summer Academies



The college exploration event of the year is set for 2020. Illinois 4-H Illini Summer Academies will be held June 21-27 on the University of Illinois campus. Registration opens March 16 and runs through April 17 for participants. Youth requesting financial assistance should apply Jan. 31 through March 1. Look here for additional information:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-illini-summer-academies>

## 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 4-H Online, <https://il.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 "I forgot my password" option on the login screen to reset it. 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 "edit" button 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 and age automatically rolled over, so you do not have to do anything with that. All of your 4-H projects from last year will still be listed, so please be sure to take the time and delete any of those you no longer wish to take. When you make it to the payment option, remember you can pay via credit, but you will have to make sure you select that option. Also, please be sure to check your credit card information from last year, as it saved that information. If your card has changed, then you will need to edit the information. Be sure to stop at the invoice screen if you are enrolling more than 4 youth, so Katharine can get the discount applied to your invoice.

**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](mailto: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. Also, if you need the project manual, remember to select it from the dropdown bar when you select your projects. To be eligible to exhibit in the Tazewell 4-H Show, your enrollments are DUE MARCH 1!**

The 4-H leaders in Tazewell County are distributing enrollment materials at club meetings. Feel free to contact Katharine if you would like some one-on-one assistance; [girone1@illinois.edu](mailto:girone1@illinois.edu) or 309-347-6614.



## Getting a jump on the 4-H dog project!

Get a jump on all that's possible in the 4-H dog project at a NEW workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. The workshop will include a live agility demonstration, hands-on grooming lessons specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips, and a live rally demonstration. The event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Pre-registration is not required.



## Explore the nation's capital

For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H members have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus, a life-changing week that empowers 4-Hers to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities. The trip is July 4-11, 2020. You must be at least 14 by May 1, 2020. During the week, you will explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, give your voice on issues, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2020 cost is estimated to be \$1,305, with financial assistance being provided from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 3. Register at [go.illinois.edu/4HCWF](http://go.illinois.edu/4HCWF).

## Aim high for the Illinois State Fair

Make plans now to attend the Illinois State Fair. The 4-H General Project Show will be three days, Aug. 14-16 in Springfield. Tazewell's exhibit day is August 14.

## Be a true leader in service



Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of *True Leaders in Service!* 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long, however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need. Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice). Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

## Items for 4-Hers

### Free Rabbits

Tom & Diane are looking to give away their rabbits to good homes, as they want more time to travel. They have lots of rabbits!

- Varying ages and breeds (mainly mini-rex).
- Will consider passing along cages, too.
- Located in Pekin.
- You can text Tom directly at 309-613-9420 or email him at [ibteallen2@gmail.com](mailto:ibteallen2@gmail.com).

### Discounted Fabric

Arlene Parr, a 4-H alumna & former 4-H parent, has accumulated a large amount of fabric and would like to sell it for \$1.00 a yard.

- It is in amounts of one yard up to six yards or more.
- Some is still on rolls.
- Located in East Peoria.
- You can contact Arlene at 309-699-3051 or email her at [aparr12345@comcast.net](mailto:aparr12345@comcast.net).

**Please note the Extension office is closed Dec. 24—Jan. 1.**

## Here's help to pay for college!

### TEACH Outdoor Scholarship

A \$500 Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 school year.

Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due Jan. 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

### Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship

A \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due Jan. 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County.

### 2020 Heartland Beef Alliance Scholarship

The Heartland Beef Alliance of Logan, Mason, Menard, Sangamon, and Tazewell Counties is once again offering a scholarship to graduating high school seniors. Please contact the Extension office if you are interested in this application and to learn more about all the requirements. All applications must be postmarked by Saturday, January 31, 2020.

## Understanding copyright and trademark laws

When an author, musician, designer, or artist creates something, it is immediately protected by copyright or trademark laws and other people can't use it or create something similar. Original works such as stories, music, pictures, plays, dances, sculpture, movies, and architecture are protected. 4-H members should use caution when working on a speech, display, or exhibit so you don't use something that doesn't belong to you.

4-H members can't draw or copy someone else's design, logo, words, or music without the permission of the original owner. That means, you can't draw a logo (such as Ford or John Deere) and use it on your exhibit. You can't create Mickey Mouse ears on your cake. You can't draw a Disney princess. You can't put SpongeBob image on your natural resource project exhibit board.

Think of it like this. You wouldn't take your neighbor's bike and ride it around to make your life easier without getting permission first. That would be stealing. When you take words, art, graphics, or photographs that aren't yours but use them like they are, that's stealing, too. Copying them from the internet is the same as stealing them unless you are using a site specifically created for free use of images.

For more information on what's allowed, contact Judy at [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu) and ensure you're respecting the rights of others.

## Attention Newly Elected Secretaries & Treasurers

The 4-H Secretary and Treasurer Books are only available online and are available in a writable format. If you need a printed copy, please let contact the Extension office and we will print a copy for you. The link for these resources is:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/meeting-resources>

### 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.

### Think summer and make plans for 4-H camp

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year.

Week 1: June 2-6

Week 2: June 7-11

Week 3: June 14-18

Week 4: July 5-9

Week 5: July 26-30

# Take the next step in your leadership journey

February 22 & 23 | Effingham, IL

You'll laugh. You'll make new friends. You'll even learn cool ideas to take back to your 4-H Club at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration closes when we reach 100 participants, so don't wait till the Jan. 24 deadline. Do it now! REGISTER:



[go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc). This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham! In addition to cool things to do, you'll participate in these fun workshops:

- **Flying into the Virtual World:** Explore STEM with 4-H! Take a trip to Europe, South America, and Africa through the world of Virtual Reality. Put your problem solving skills to work and help solve international problems in the form of fun engineering challenges! Come work with 4-H to explore the world of technology that surrounds us and those in other countries.
- **Tacky Tourist Trivia:** Explore the world of trivia with your tacky tourist guides. Throughout the trivia tour, you will test your knowledge of the world, 4-H, pop culture, and more as you work with your team to win the Tacky Tourist Trivia Tournament.
- **Weathering the Storm of Agriculture:** Are you experiencing the calm before the storm? Do you know how weather and agriculture affect one another? Come and see the impact of both agriculture and weather across the globe.
- **Follow Our Lead:** Follow our lead, as we take a trip to India to learn and practice dancing fusion style. On our journey, we will experience the culture and rich history this dance has to offer.
- **Pass the Plate:** This workshop is your gateway to nutrition around the world. We will be exploring international diets, learning about the components of proper nutrition and completing a food science experiment. Also, help package meals as we learn more about food insecurity in Illinois.

## There's a place for you at 4-H House

Young women attending University of Illinois may wish to consider 4-H House Cooperative Sorority as their home away from home in the Fall of 2020. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of our own cooking and cleaning. Tasks are split between members who encourage teamwork and cooperation. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms. Their values are philanthropic, recreational, and scholastic achievement, and they pride themselves on their strong sisterhood bond. Eligible students must have three or more years of experience in a nationally-recognized leadership organization, such as 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and others.

### Just so you know...

The 2020 Tazewell County 4-H Show & Jr. Fair is July 27-29.

Illinois State Fair will run August 13-23.

Other dates will be shared as they are released.

## Create a winning video

The World of 7 Billion video contest challenges you to think critically about some of the planets most pressing issues and to come up with solutions. Share what you've learned in a 60-second video. The contest is currently open for the 2019-2020 school year! The contest is open to all middle and high school students worldwide, and the deadline for submissions is Feb. 27. Up to \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to 80 student winners.

## Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor

It may be cold now, but summer will return and we need you to help mentor the campers at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Applications will be available in January. We're looking for certified lifeguards and young adults interested in fishing, shelter building, tree and wildlife identification and other outdoor adventures. We also need counselors interested in STEM programming. For information, contact Andy Davis @ [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or call 217-762-2741.





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### THE GIRONE FAMILY

#### A REVIEW OF OUR 2019

- Welcomed Lattie to the family in January!
  - Made new friends.
- Lattie & Leo attended their first 4-H Show.
- Completed over two half marathons during the 2019 4-H Show & Jr. Fair!
- Welcomed Leo to the chaos (I mean, family!)
  - Had too many laughs and memories to count!

**INDEED, IT WAS  
A FANTASTIC YEAR!**

We hope you had an amazing one too!

*Katharine, Lattie, & Leo*



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