



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

## Dear 4-H Families,

The impact of the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) continues to create uncertainty and concern both globally and here in our community. My coworkers and I are in the process of activating strategies to help protect all of our 4-H families and volunteers' health and safety. Some of the best medicine I can offer right now is positivity, encouragement, hopefulness, and to give you a reason to smile.

I have 26 chicks chirping in my house (Lattie & Leo, my dog and cat, are not amused by this new living arrangement). I have tulips coming up in my flowerbeds. I have an endless supply of coffee, espresso, and tea, as I work remotely from home until further notice. I am going to start some of plants indoors in the next few days. And best of all, I heard from my parents our first lambs of the season are going to be making their way into this world very soon. Sounds like I'll be making a trip to the farm this weekend! It's almost like I have enrolled in 4-H projects again! Talk about a great time for you all to dive deeper into your 4-H projects!

See, that was easy. I'm sure we can all come up with some positives and refocus our hearts and minds elsewhere for a little while. As things become clearer with how 4-H activities and programs will be handled, I will keep you posted via email. Also, if you need anything from me (even if it is just a picture of a chick, lamb, dog, cat, cup of coffee, etc.), please do not hesitate to reach out me via email.

*Katharine*

Katharine Girone  
Extension Program Coordinator  
4-H Youth Development

## 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>.

More and more resources are becoming downloadable documents (some with fees and some without). 4-H Online is unable to list these items in the "Select Project Materials" dropdown bar, so I highly encourage you to go through the above list for your selected projects.

If there is a resource you would like that has a charge associated with it, please contact the Extension office, and we will purchase it for you. If you would like a resource printed, the office will also do that for you.

Contact the Extension office if you are in need of project materials. You will be emailed when your materials are ready for pickup.

### IMPORTANT TAZEVELL 4-H DEADLINES

**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 mailed out to members in the coming days.

**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.

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# Local 4-H EVENTS

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**We are still looking for an additional Superintendent for the Communications Department. Please let Katharine know if you are interested or know someone who is.**



**Schedule updates will be shared via emails, our website and Facebook page. Thank you for your patience in this unknown time.**

**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>

## Spring 2020 Shooting Sports

For those interested in Shooting Sports, please watch your emails. I am working with the instructors to set the dates for the spring sessions for all three disciplines (Air Rifle, Archery, and Shotgun).

Remember, if you were in Archery last fall, you will NOT need to pay the supply fee a second time.

**Leader & Superintendent Meeting  
Monday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
Extension office  
4-H Show Book Pick Up**

*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.*

*A collection of resources to assist families and community leaders preparing for and coping with COVID-19 is available online at [www.go.illinois.edu/ExtensionCOVID19](http://www.go.illinois.edu/ExtensionCOVID19).*

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

## 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 25.

## 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.

## Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16. **Our exhibit day is Friday, August 14.**

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM.** (new release time)
- The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. *Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.*
- **New projects** at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports
- The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.
- **Ewe lambs** are now eligible for the premier show.
- The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **junior rabbit show** begins August 17.
- Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock).

## IMPORTANT 4-H REMINDER

A youth who enrolls in a 4-H club must maintain an active status with their club by attending meetings, tours, workshops, or other activities of that club to be called a 4-H member. Youth that do not comply are not eligible to take part in 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums, or other 4-H awards and recognitions that are available to 4-H members.



## Free Baby Chicks

Each year, the Embryology in the Classroom program is offered to Tazewell County teachers. Each year, I hatch some in the Extension office. I will be looking for good homes for these chicks, plus any chicks that the teachers return to me.



If you are interested and have proper housing for chickens, I would love to give them to you. The first round of chickens will be ready to go to their new homes on Friday, March 20 from 2-4:30 p.m.

Please contact Katharine at the Extension office to “order” some of the free chicks.

The breed we are hatching are White Leghorn. This breed is very athletic, hardy, non-sitters and lay very nice large white eggs. They produce more eggs on less feed than most chickens.



## April Activity

Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
Midwest Food Bank-Morton

Federation members will be doing a service outing at Midwest Food Bank-Morton in April. Please contact Katharine if you are coming.

**A BIG thank you to ALL the Tazewell participants, teen & adult volunteers, and parents who made Clover Clinic a success!! I saw a lot of smiling faces throughout the day!**

## Tazewell County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

May 4, 2020

### The Spotlight Is On You

The Tazewell County Public Presentation Contest will be held Monday, May 4, 5 p.m. at the Extension office. Participation in this contest does not affect a member's opportunity to also participate in another exhibit area at the Illinois State Fair. The state contest will be held during our specific day at the State Fair, so mark Friday, August 14 on your calendars, too. Please watch your emails for more details, if you are enrolled in this project area.

### Club News:

#### 4-H Quest Club

At our monthly meeting on Nov. 19, 2019, we enjoyed making fleece lap blankets for residents of Morton Villa. Making the blankets was fun because we got to do something for our community and the senior residents of our town.

On December 10, 2019, the 4-H Quest Club went caroling at the Morton Villa. The residents sang along and had a great time! The club donated lap blankets and handmade Christmas cards to the residents, too. We also had our 4-H Club Christmas party, generously hosted by the Guenther Family.

On Jan. 14, the club went to New Indy Paper Factory in Peoria. We learned how paper is made in the factory. It was very interesting! We all had to wear safety glasses and earplugs, so nobody would be injured. Overall, we had a great time!

Submitted by Brielle Lawles, Reporter

# You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM

Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock). There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for each senior competitor is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

## Two ways to give to 4-H

**Paper Clover Campaign returns in April:** It's never been easier to support 4-H. From April 29 to May 10, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised almost \$1 million!

**Get your Clover at JOANN stores:** Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store.

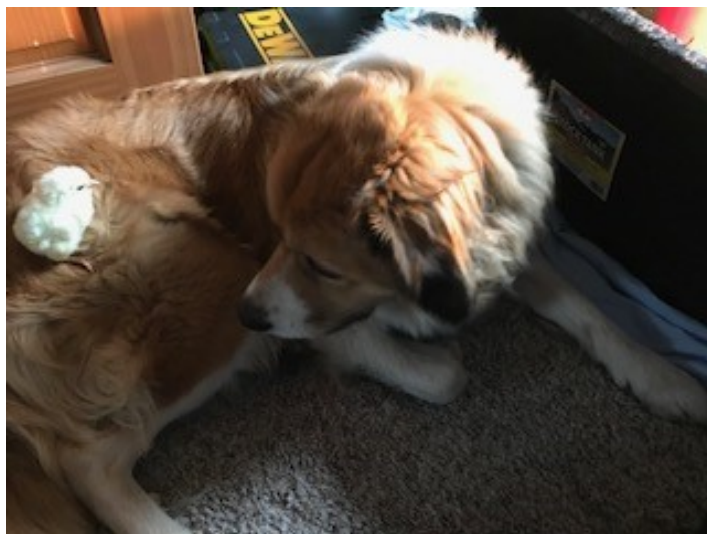
## Foundation Hall of Fame Ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.

## Lattie's FLOCK



“Umm, I don’t know how it got out Mom.”



“You’d better hop back in the brooder, or you’ll get chilly.”



“I’ve got this “chick-sitting” thing down, Mom. They are safe with me.”

## Shooting Sports volunteers needed

June 13 | 9 AM – 7 PM  
Gardner Camp | Hull, IL

The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

- Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. The local office will complete your registration.
- Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
- Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM. Check your local office to see if assistance is available for the \$85 fee. Training dates for 2020 are:

**Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13** at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3.

**Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12** at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by September 2.

## 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.

## Illini Summer Academies

June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This conference runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois. Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/illini4H](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4H). Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17. Apply for a scholarship @ [go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship) before April 1. Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait.

Academies and costs include:

- Agricultural Leadership & Communication
- Animal Sciences
- Beekeeping
- Chemistry Around US
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Game Design: Storytelling & Fabrication
- Human Development & Family Studies
- Journey From Farm to Table
- Meat Judging & Evaluation
- Sustainable Summer
- Molecular & Cellular Biology
- Veterinary Medicine
- Work Hard, Play Hard

## Study food science & win cash

Science is cool, and now it pays! A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the top food science project in each county by the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation. Be sure to enroll in one of the four Food Science projects and learn more about the foundation. Look for more information this summer.



## How strong is your 4-H family spirit?

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least 3 generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that are or were 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. Online applications are available at: <http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award>. Nominations are due May 1.

## 4-H Poultry Judging returns to State Fair

August 17 | 4-6 PM

Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. Registration begins at 3:30 PM. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The top four seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

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

4-H Memorial Camp is now accepting applications for summer camp employment. We are looking for energetic, responsible individuals to serve as counselors and program staff for 6 weeks of summer camp. We will train you for a week before the campers arrive. You'll get valuable experience working with young people while you have a great summer. We are also looking for people with lifeguard certifications, outdoor education programming experience, and arts/crafts teaching experience. Application paperwork can be found at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp). Come be a mentor to 1500 campers while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime. For more information, contact Andy Davis @ [ArDavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ArDavis1@illinois.edu) or call (217) 762-2741.

## Celebrate 4-H Volunteers

April 19-25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week.

4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

In Tazewell County, there are over 60 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs!



## TAZEWELL COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE NOW

Incoming freshman or current college students enrolled in an agriculture related degree are eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship.

**Applications due April 10th.**

Visit [tazewellcfb.com](http://tazewellcfb.com) to download the scholarship or email [tcfberogier@outlook.com](mailto:tcfberogier@outlook.com).

## Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too! Families are needed for July 22 through August 17.

Be aware: Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth. Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required. Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility. Applications are accepted until all placements are made

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>. Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ [rosenbohm07@comcast.net](mailto:rosenbohm07@comcast.net) or Elisha Hughes @ [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu).

## 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.

## We're going to the Capitol

May 6-7 | Springfield

Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield. All youth who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training or complete an upcoming training opportunity will receive registration information through an email invitation.

## Horse Show Opportunities

If anyone is interested in upcoming horse show opportunities across Illinois, please contact Katharine at the Extension office.

## Livestock Judging Opportunities

If anyone is interested in upcoming livestock judging events all across Illinois, please contact Katharine at the Extension office.





## 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.**

***Notify Katharine if you opt to attend another county's training.***

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

**Thursday, May 7 @ 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.

## REMINDER...

Your 4-H Program Fee must be paid before you are accepted as a member!!

You may 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.*** Remember to select the added card to lock in this payment method.

You may also mail or drop off your payment to the Tazewell Extension office.

If your profile still says, "Pending", then it is because payment is missing.

**Payment will need to be received by April 1.**

*\*If payment will cause financial hardship, please contact Katharine.*



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## **2020 Tazewell 4-H Show Dates**

May 4 — Public Presentations Contest, 5 p.m., Extension office

July 7 — Clothing Judging, 5-7 p.m., Extension office

July 20 — Creative Writing Submission Deadline

July 25 — 4-H Show Set Up, 8 a.m., Mineral Springs Park

July 25 — Tazewell 4-H & Jr. Fair Horse Show, 12 p.m., Mineral Springs Park

July 27 - 29 — Tazewell 4-H Show & Jr. Fair

August 14 — Tazewell's Day at the Illinois State Fair



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