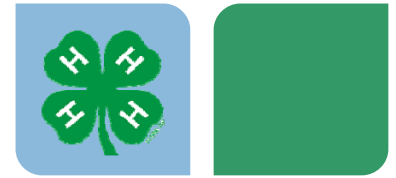


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2015 Annual Report

SERVING DEWITT, MACON & PIATT COUNTIES





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2015 Annual Report

Our Mission

*Extending Knowledge,
Changing Lives*

Extension provides practical education you can trust to help people, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills and build a better future.

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It is my pleasure to represent a staff of outstanding professionals who strive daily to positively impact the lives of the citizens of DeWitt, Macon and Piatt Counties. The staff does a superb job of developing and presenting educational programs that address issues in both urban and rural settings.



There is not enough room in this brief format to report on the hundreds of individual programs that have been offered by the staff this past year. Nor is there enough room to report on the substantial impact those programs had on thousands of individuals throughout the counties that we serve.

Enclosed in this year's Annual Report, you will find innovative programming that connects to audiences of all ages. While the educational needs of our communities continually change, University of Illinois

Extension has positioned itself to adapt to those changes. Extension prides itself on being able to provide "cutting edge" educational programs rooted in research-based information. The programs highlighted in this report only scratch the surface of the programming being done in DeWitt, Macon and Piatt Counties.

I hope that you will enjoy learning more about our programs and their impact. In fact, my hope is that you will come and participate in some of our programs in 2016.

Doug Harlan,
County Director

SNAP-Ed

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) is nutrition education provided for SNAP participants and other eligible low-income individuals. SNAP-Ed programs focus on nutrition education and obesity prevention. Programs are evidence-based and focused on behavior change. The goal of SNAP-Ed is to improve the likelihood that persons eligible for SNAP will make healthy choices within a limited budget and choose active lifestyles consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate.

Between Macon and Piatt Counties, there were **46 community collaborator sites** that reached more than **17,377** children, adults and senior citizens. Some of these program sites included elementary and preschools, food pantries, transitional housing programs, the Family Community Resource Center and senior centers.

10,668
Youth reached
in Piatt and
Macon Counties

6,709
Adults
reached



DeWitt County 4-H

A Foundation in Community Spirit

The DeWitt County 4-H Experience

96% of DeWitt County 4-H members are comfortable making their own decisions.

89% of DeWitt County 4-H members say they listen well to others.

81% of DeWitt County 4-H members have a plan for reaching their goals.

77% of DeWitt County 4-H members can explain their decisions to others.

87% of DeWitt County 4-H members have talents that they can share with others.

72% of DeWitt County 4-H members gain leadership responsibilities.

85% of DeWitt County 4-H members say they are connected to a caring adult who is not their parent.

57% of DeWitt County 4-H members say they have the confidence to speak in front of others.

83% of DeWitt County 4-H members learn things that made a difference in their community.

74% of DeWitt County 4-H members say they are comfortable sharing their thoughts with others.



4-H FAIR

4-H members showed **1,088 projects** at the 2015 fair. Fourteen members took part in the Master and Junior Cattle Showmanship contest at the DeWitt County 4-H Fair in July.

1,363
The number of school program participants

166
SPIN Club participants

135
volunteers

SEWING SENSATIONS SPIN CLUB



The 10 members of the 4-H Sewing Sensations Spin club made **four quilts to be given to Project Linus** for Military kids who have lost or have a wounded soldier in the family.

Each quilt had the red, white and blue represented.

The club applied for and received a 4-H SPIN club grant from the Illinois State 4-H foundation.



**Find us on Facebook:
DeWitt County 4-H**

Nutrition & Wellness

FAMILY MEAL TIME CHALLENGE

A body of research notes many benefits of the family meal, from improved family connectedness to positive outcomes for youth. The *Family Mealtime Challenge* was offered across DeWitt, Macon and Piatt Counties and provided information to help families reach a goal of at least five meals together during the Challenge week.

Ten families, estimating a total of 40 individuals, participated in the Challenge. Families recorded meals they ate together and received a daily e-newsletter with tips, videos, recipes and other information to focus on family mealtime and get

together at the table.

All families met the Challenge to eat at least five meals together during the program week, with a majority of meals eaten at the dinner hour and/or on weekends. Based on collected data returned by five families, three families **reported a commitment to having at least five family meals per week**. One family committed to 10 meals per week and the other to eat three to four meals together each week.

Thank you to our sponsors:

Kirby Medical Center

John Warner Hospital

Health Alliance and Obesity

Prevention Coalition of Macon County.



Participants sample the "Hearty Herbs" meal in March, 2015.

KIRBY'S KITCHEN

Into its third year, the Kirby's Kitchen series in Piatt County continued to encourage participants to try new foods and prepare healthy recipes at home. Over four classes, **30 participants** learned ways to incorporate herbs in cooking, use garden vegetables and alter fall and winter recipes to be healthier.

In data collected from 25 participants, **96 percent stated plans to make at least one recipe from class at home.**

*Thank you to our partner:
Kirby Medical Center.*

FSSMC TRAINING

Food safety is vital whenever food is being prepared and served, whether at home or to the public. For individuals handling food and overseeing food production, training to get the Food Service Sanitation Manager Certificate (FSSMC), is often required. UI Extension teaches the course and delivers a national exam needed to certify students.

The FSSMC training and national exam was offered to the public and UI Extension staff in Champaign, Piatt, DeWitt and Macon Counties.

A total of **54 students** attended the eight-hour course and took their FSSMC exam. The pass rate for this course was **89 percent**.



Bringing Back the Basics Yeast & Quick Breads

As part of the unit-wide Bringing Back the Basics series, hands-on yeast breads and quick breads classes were offered to the public. In each class, participants worked together to follow a recipe, learn new or refresh old skills, and taste breads made from scratch.

In the yeast bread class held in Macon County, 12 of the 15 participants indicated they planned to make at least one recipe from class at home. Some participants indicated plans to change their behaviors because of information and skills learned in the class, such as "watch for yeast to activate," "use a thermometer to test water," and "turn my dough a quarter turn each time I knead it."

In the quick breads class held in DeWitt County, six of the seven participants indicated they planned to make at least one recipe from class at home. Some participants indicated plans to change their behaviors because of information and skills learned in the class, such as "attempt interesting syrup/fruit combinations for pancakes," "[differ] which measuring cups I use for liquid and dry ingredients," and "I'll use egg substitute in recipes."

"Thank you for the interesting and affordable classes."

*— participant,
Quick Breads class*



Macon County 4-H

Empowering Teens to Make a Difference!

TEENS AS TEACHERS

Macon County 4-H believes in the power of youth. Because we believe in this power, our programming focuses on providing teens with opportunities to learn decision making, communication skills, teamwork and managing through projects they create themselves.

Many of our efforts put teens in the role of

teacher to younger youth. This creates a multifaceted program benefitting both the teens as teachers and the youth participants as learners.

Recruitment of teens as teachers has brought in **new audiences not previously involved with 4-H.**



3,080
Youth participants

388

Youth & adults volunteered in 2015

4-H CLOVERBUD SCIENCE SERIES

Sixteen teen teachers taught almost 100 youth ages 5 to 7 about science during six sessions, each lasting for six days during our Cloverbud Camp. One of the teen teachers said about her experience:

"I learned that work can be fun. I think the kids learned science can be fun. Participating in this program changed my way of thinking because I used to think that kids could not understand what we do but really they understand a lot more than I thought."

MINECRAFT MANIA!

Macon County 4-H embraces innovation and technology as a way for 4-H members to enjoy learning. Partnering with the Decatur Public Library, Macon County 4-H offered a *Minecraft Mania* special interest (SPIN) club, led by a teen teacher.

The idea for the club originated with the teen teacher. He developed lesson plans

and ideas to help members explore the building and designing opportunities



in the Minecraft game, add to their technological skills and develop a love of learning. This successful SPIN club brought a **new partnership to 4-H in the Decatur Public Library** and an opportunity to continue Minecraft activities in the future.



"Teaching children helped me learn leadership skills. I also get to see the absolute radiance kids exhibit when they learn something new."

- Macon County 4-H Teen Teacher



Find us on Facebook:
Macon County 4-H



Or on Twitter:
@maconcounty4H



Master Gardeners

2015 SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

Macon County Master Gardeners won a prestigious First Place award from the International Master Gardener Search for Excellence in the workshop category.

Starting in 2005, Macon County Master Gardeners began teaching the public how to grow great tomatoes in a demonstration garden during two minute segments at a local television station. Later, the



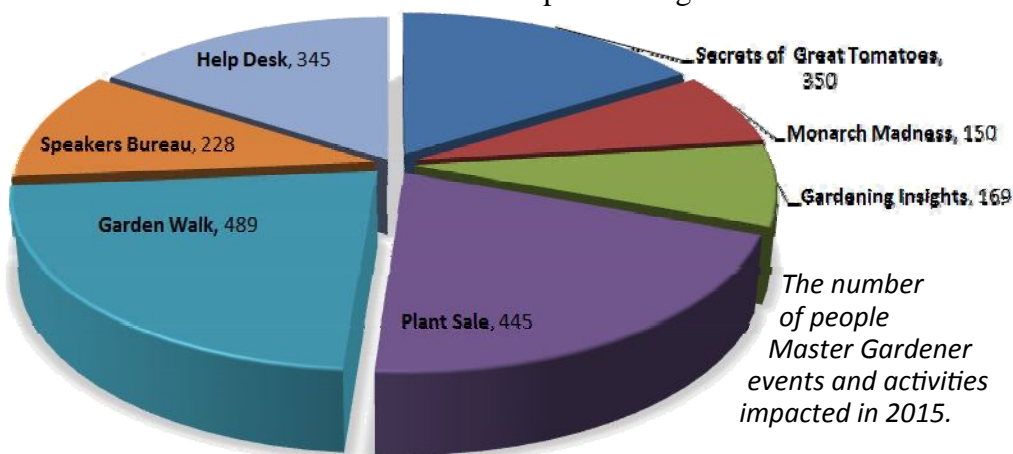
Master Gardeners decided to expand the segments into full presentations and workshops.

From this beginning grew *Secrets of Great Tomatoes*, a year-long hands-on learning program consisting of growing, selling, giving presentations and having do-it-yourself workshops such as making your own tomato cages. Each year, approximately **350 people attend these events**, which culminates with a public offering to taste at least **40 cultivars of tomatoes** each year!

COMMUNITY REACH

Whether it's working with youth, answering questions at the help desk or providing programming, Macon County Master Gardeners reached thousands of people in 2015.

They plan to partner with area schools for tree education on Arbor Day, plant a soybean exhibit at the Staley Museum opening April, 2016, offer guided Tree Walks and pollinator gardens in area towns.



ROOTING FOR CHANGE

In 2015, Piatt County Master Gardeners welcomed **82 attendees** to *Gardener's Day* in Piatt County.

Over the past three years, we have seen significant growth in the morning educational classes from **18 participants in 2013 to 82 after two years!** We look forward to meeting more garden enthusiasts in 2016.



MONARCH MADNESS

Our first **Monarch Madness** focused on the majestic Monarch butterfly and how to help the dwindling population of this popular pollinator. We featured Kirby and Cindy Pringle's award winning documentary "**Plight of the Monarch**," a tour of native and milkweed gardens, Monarch tagging and giveaways of packets of free milkweed seeds.



More than 150 people attended this pilot program. Fifty-five butterflies were tagged by the public and Master Gardeners. Researchers at Monarch Watch will use this information to help determine population and migration patterns of this threatened species.

Piatt County Master Gardeners

Piatt County Master Gardeners served the public by responding to more than 90 horticulture helpline questions at the Piatt County Extension Office and the Monticello Farmer's Market. This is a 26 percent increase in inquiries from 2014.

Three Counties, ONE Team

Making Life Better, TOGETHER

Through learning partnerships that put knowledge to work, University of Illinois Extension's programs are aimed at making life better, healthier and safer for individuals and our communities. In DeWitt, Macon and Piatt

Counties, we strive to offer educational programs in five areas: sustainable and profitable food production, enhancing youth, family and community well-being, healthy living and environmental stewardship.

In an effort to focus on these five

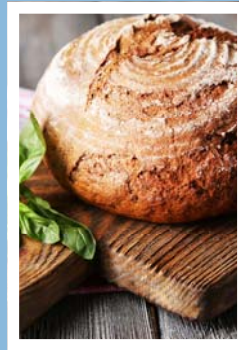
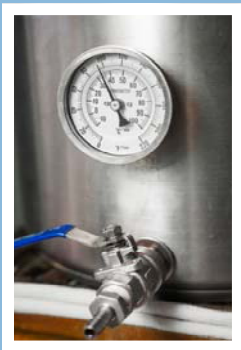
areas, we developed two innovative programs aimed at serving individuals of all ages in the counties that we serve.

In 2015, we were proud to present *Bringing Back the Basics: A DIY Approach to Living* and *Make-Explore-Share*.

BRINGING BACK THE BASICS

In our *Bringing Back the Basics* series, we wanted to bring back the basics of do-it-yourself living with a series of 10 classes that featured topics such as home brewing, beekeeping, backyard chickens, making breads and gardening.

The program was very popular and with **130 program participants**, nearly all of the classes were sold out with many interested individuals on waiting lists. Anyone on a waiting list received priority registration for our 2016 series.



COMING IN 2016!

Bringing Back the Basics

Our participants spoke and we listened! Driven by evaluation feedback, we will be offering topics including, but not limited to, mead, composting, small ruminants, beekeeping and container gardening.

Make-Share-Explore

The overwhelming success of Make-Explore-Share has pushed us to the next level of the Maker movement. Look for our Decatur Mini Maker Faire® of Central Illinois in April, 2016!

MAKE-EXPLORE-SHARE

Our 2015 *Make-Explore-Share* event was a day all about innovation, learning, wonder and breaking out of the one-size-fits-all approach to learning. Enlisting **nearly 50 Makers** from the Midwest, this event presented the can-do attitude of the growing Maker population affording the opportunity to learn by using a hands-on approach and creating things from a variety of Makers.

Nearly 500 people of all ages attended this community event designed to ignite a movement of making in our community.

Event attendees learned how to use a table-top press, air brush art, photography tips, make pie crust, solder, try their hand at homemade household products, knit and much, much more.

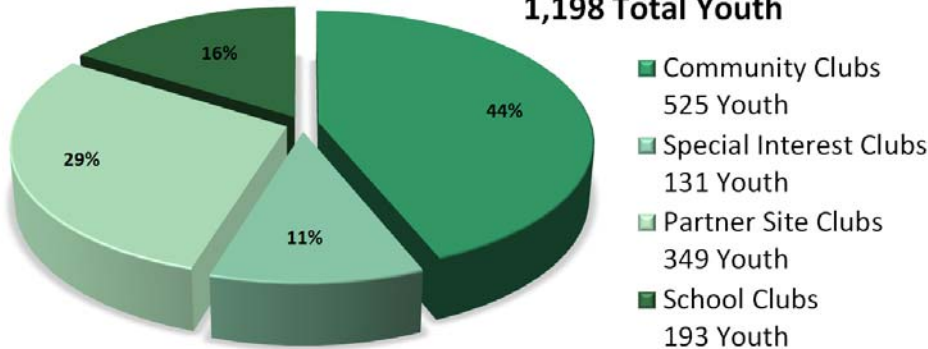
A few of our Makers included Construct a Truck USA, Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab, Decatur Science Investigations, Coloring the World with Airbrush, Half Hazard Press and Robotics.

We are looking forward to our Decatur Mini Maker Faire® of Central Illinois in 2016.

4-H DeWitt Macon Piatt

4-H Membership

1,198 Total Youth



Adventures Await in 4-H Healthy Living

Each county holds their own Health Jam event, reaching over 400 youth with 40 volunteers. This event introduces youth to the importance of eating healthy, physical activity and potential careers in the health industry. Thank you to grants from National 4-H Council and Walmart that make these events possible!

1,198

4-H Members

3,918

Program Participants

65

Teen Teachers

38

Federation Members

673

Volunteers

Adventures Await in 4-H Science, Technology, Engineering & Math

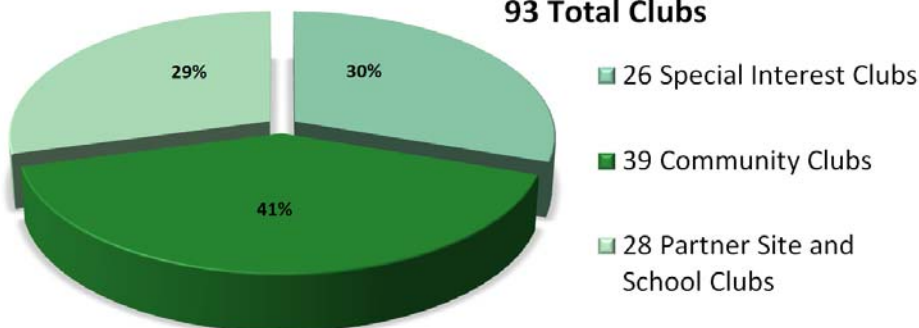
4-H has become known as a leader in teaching youth robotics. This year, eight clubs participated in robotics contests, learning engineering and technology skills that will prepare them for their future.

Adventures Await in 4-H Leadership & Citizenship

4-H embraces youth as leaders and teachers. Last summer, 190 teens taught programs ranging from nutrition to science to Minecraft in 4-H clubs and programs. These youth are becoming leaders as they share their experiences and knowledge with younger 4-H members. 4-H continues to work to build the leaders of tomorrow, today!

Number of 4-H Clubs

93 Total Clubs





Piatt County 4-H

Putting a New SPIN on Youth Programming

KID KAMP!



In addition to fun, Hannah wanted to teach the youth the importance and need for citizenship in their communities. The youth decided to help support and increase the butterfly population by **making butterfly nectar and distributing it within their communities.**

Piatt County 4-H hosted the first ever Kid Kamp! for youth in Bement and Cerro Gordo in 2015. Equipped with science experiments, learning games and a whole lot of fun, Hannah Warren, a Illinois State University intern and Bement native, spent six weeks with youth ages 8 to 11. Thanks to grant funding from the Illinois State 4-H Foundation, Extension staff made a conscious effort to **provide programming in these underserved communities.** Splitting the programming between the two communities each week, youth had an opportunity to try many new and different science activities.

Piatt County 4-H members say:

99% are comfortable making their own decisions.

100% say they listen well to others.

89% have a plan for reaching their goals.

98% can explain their decisions to others.

86% have talents that they can share with others.

86% have gained leadership responsibilities.

86% are connected to a caring adult who is not their parent.

89% have the confidence to speak in front of others.

89% learned things that made a difference in their communities

77% are comfortable sharing their thoughts with others.

MANSFIELD HEALTH JAM

Mansfield Elementary fourth and fifth graders participated in the Piatt County 4-H Health Jam program, which taught students the importance of daily exercise and healthy eating. Health Jam started with a two-day field trip and continued with classroom lessons.

Health Jam is a collaboration between the University of Illinois Extension, Blue Ridge School District, Kirby Hospital and 4-H Memorial Camp.

63 Youth and adults volunteered in 2015

597 Youth participants

ROBOTICS

There has been an expansion of Robotics clubs with **one existing club and one new club forming.** These Robotics special interest (SPIN) club members are also predominantly new to Piatt County 4-H.

Youth have engaged in a number of community outreach events at local schools, the Piatt County 4-H Fair and local community events to both



educate and attract new members to 4-H and raise funding for their SPIN clubs to compete at the state level.

 Find us on Facebook: Piatt County 4-H

Horticulture

GREEN THUMB

In 2015, the *Green Thumb* inner city gardeners nearly tripled the number of tomato plants grown for the *Tomato Taste Panel*. The Green Thumb gardeners were instrumental in caring for the plants.

Extension staff encouraged members of Green Thumb to start using cover crops more consistently, and **several gardeners have expressed interest in learning more about soil fertility and crop rotation.**

We are looking forward to expanding their use of cover crops not only to benefit their nutrient retention, but also to reduce soil erosion. The topic and use of cover crops has fostered an ongoing conversation about soils and crop rotation.



This project has helped Green Thumb move from low yields and crop failures to successful growth and results.

Macon County Master Gardener Sandy tills the soil with Green Thumb gardener Junior.

TALES FROM A PLANT ADDICT

In 2015, our horticulture blog, **Tales from a Plant Addict**, received more than 214,000 hits. This blog, written by Horticulture Educator Jennifer Schultz Nelson, offers fun tips and timely information for gardeners of all ages.

Jennifer's posts are some of the most viewed and shared posts in the state. One of her most popular posts was on lilacs and why they might not be blooming, which reached **more than 13,000 people.**

FRIENDSHIP CENTER

A Basic Bucket Garden and Fairy Garden Terrarium class was offered at the Friendship Center in Clinton. **Nearly 30 area seniors** participated in the hands-on make and take classes.



Monticello Area Community Garden

The development of a community garden in partnership with Kirby Medical Center and the City of Monticello came to completion in 2015.

Garden plots will be available to grow annual flower and vegetable crops. The garden can support 24 of the 12' x 24' plots or 48 of the 12' x 12' plots.

This is the first time garden plots have been available to the public in the area and we are pleased to offer the Monticello Area Community Garden in 2016.

Small Farms & Local Foods

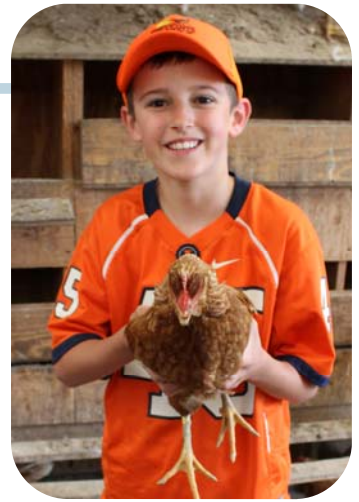
WHERE DOES MY LUNCH COME FROM

This was a tri-county joint programming effort of the Local Food Systems & Small Farms, Nutrition & Wellness educators and 4-H that gave children the chance to visit area farms to see how local farmers grow the meat, vegetables, milk and fruit that we all eat.

Forty-two children participated with nine local farms and one area agri-business. One of the outcomes of this program has been a

new 4-H Alpaca Club in DeWitt County and a planned vegetable gardening group in the Old Kings Orchard area of Decatur. **Children also showed more interest in trying new fruits and vegetables** after visiting farms and learning how food is grown.

A poster presentation about this program won top honors at the National Epsilon Sigma Phi conference for Extension Professionals.



TOUR DE MOO

This year **17 men, women and children** participated in a tour of two farms in the Piatt County area – Stone Ridge Dairy, a 3,000-cow dairy, and the Plunk Brothers farm, a seed distributor and grain producer. We learned how the farmers raised their products and where they sold them. At the end of the tour, everyone enjoyed a local lunch.

Based on a survey of the participants, 100 percent said they wanted more of these local farm tours.

BEEES, BEEES & MORE BEEES

Beekeeping is a very popular topic among youth and adults. In late February, a *Backyard Beekeeping* class was held in Monticello led by local beekeeper, Darryl Coates. From the group of 15 that attended, **two started beekeeping in the spring.**

PUTTING SMALL ACRES TO WORK

This is a meeting targeted at small landowners who want to earn additional income from their land. This year, a wide variety of topics were covered: asparagus and pumpkin production, beekeeping, small chicken flocks, managing wildlife and chainsaw safety. **Twenty people attended the meeting** at the 4-H Memorial Camp outside Monticello.

FRUIT TREE PRUNING

Twelve hardy souls braved a chilly, windy day in early March to learn how to prune their small orchards. After learning the basics, the class went to a small orchard in Clinton and practiced pruning apple, peach and pear trees.

This continues to be a very popular program.

YOUR SOIL, YOUR NUTRIENTS, YOUR BOTTOM LINE

In an effort to help our local agribusiness professionals and farmers understand the importance of soil health and nutrient loss to the lands they manage, this meeting was held at the Macon County Extension office in cooperation with the Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Macon & Piatt Counties.

Thirty-four farmers and certified crop advisers listened as regional experts spoke about soil health, crop nutrient management and the best management strategies to improve their soils and reduce the likelihood of nutrients to leave their lands.

The meeting concluded with three area farmers discussing how they manage their farms to improve soil and reduce nutrient loss.

Master Naturalists of DeWitt, Macon & Piatt Counties

In 2015, **nine people** successfully completed the Master Naturalist program. Besides 10 weekly classes, the group had field trips to Pere Marquette State Park and the Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge.

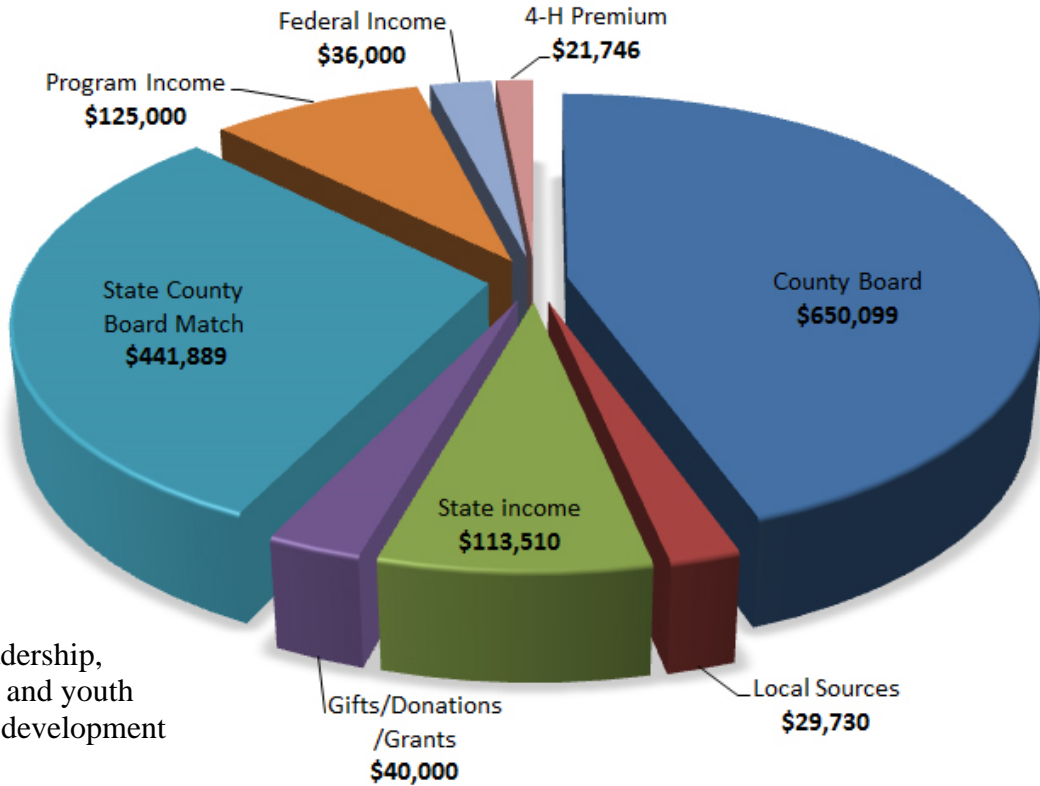
Our Master Naturalist group, The Glaciers Edge Master Naturalists, held their first **Pollination Celebration**. The meeting addressed topics concerning native pollinators and honey bees. **Forty-one people** attended.

There are now **45 active and intern Master Naturalists** who have logged over 2,000 hours of volunteer time in our communities in the past year.

By the Numbers

BUDGET

The budget for the Extension Offices of DeWitt, Macon and Piatt Counties is \$1.45 million. The Unit is funded primarily through funds raised locally, which goes back into the community as informative, educational programs.



ABOUT US

Thousands of people take advantage of the Extension's research-based educational programs every year. We offer programming in agriculture, local foods, small farms, leadership, nutrition and wellness, horticulture, 4-H and youth development, community and economic development and consumer sciences.

As one Extension user put it: "They have programs for everyone from the cradle to retirement."

EXTENSION COUNCIL

The Extension Council guides programs by helping to identify local needs, providing guidance and program evaluation.

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