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A Newsletter for **Christian County 4-H Families**

December/January 2019

We are pleased to introduce Sara Marten as Unit 18's 4-H Youth Development Educator.

Sara has plenty of experiences in 4-H! She was a 10 year 4-H member of the Raymond Buckeyes 4-H Club in Montgomery County. During her 4-H career, she was involved in many agricultural-focused projects including: animal and veterinary science, beef, dogs, and cats, as well as visual arts, scrapbooking, and leadership. During her college years, she served for two years on the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team and one year as a 4-H Representative. Sara also had the opportunity to work in our unit during the summer while in college.



After receiving her master's from the University of Illinois, Sara took a position as a 4-H Youth Development Educator with Purdue Extension. She just recently left her position as a 4-H Youth Development Educator for the University of Illinois Extension in Unit 26 to move back to her home county!

Sara is "excited to return to her home and serve the community and the 4-H program in this capacity. I am eager to return to my roots and be able to make connections with my hometown community, and to help 'make the best better' for the youth in our area."

We are thrilled to welcome Sara to our team!

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Macoupin &
Montgomery Counties**

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University of Illinois Extension Christian County Office

Will be closed from Monday, December 24th
until Tuesday, January 1st.

Normal office hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd.



To keep up with 4-H happenings in Christian County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Christian4h>



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CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4-H
DISCOVERING THE U.S.
February 8th, 6:00 P.M. Christian County Extension Office

This event will replace International Night. Clubs will pick a state in the United States and find 10 interesting facts about that state. Please provide a dish from your selected state to share.

CLUB LEADERS PLEASE CONTACT REBECCA WITH WHAT STATE YOU ARE DOING!

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WINTER CRAFT WORKSHOP

January 10th
6PM

Christian County Extension Office
1120 N Webster St
Taylorville, IL 62568

Join us as we make
Christmas trees,
snowmen and more!

Register online at
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=19634>

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New Date!

4-H MEMBERS AGES 13+

TEEN TEACHER TRAINING

Make a difference in your community!

Extend your own learning

Develop new skills! (for work, career and life)

Build your resume.

Be recognized for your Accomplishments!

January 12, 9-3pm.

LUNCH PROVIDED



A 2nd training will be required on the specific lessons you will be teaching. Upcoming teaching opportunities in: Robotics, Food/Nutrition, Gardening, agriculture and Cloverbuds

HELD AT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE

1 INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE
HILLSBORO, IL 62049

REGISTER ONLINE

[HTTPS://WEB.EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMM](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm)

CAREER CONVERSATION

Speaker: Tanner Scherer

Tanner is a member of the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team and President of Farmhouse Fraternity. Tanner's 4-H welding project turned into a business! He now has several employees and is running his business while earning his engineering degree at the University of Illinois.

Tanner will speak about:

His experience as a youth leadership team member
His experience as an engineering major and president of a fraternity at University of Illinois
His experience starting and growing his business

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9
7 P.M. - 8:30 P.M
HILLSBORO AREA HOSPITAL

CLOUD ROOM (IN THE NEW WING NEAR THE SPECIALTY CLINIC AND EDUCATION ENTRANCES), 1200 E TREMONT ST, HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS

This is a free event open to all of our members ages 8-19 and parents. Register now! <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h/>

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COME JOIN US FOR A LIVESTOCK CLINIC!

May 4th 8:30AM-3PM
Christian County Fairgrounds

Learn from
livestock industry
professionals
about fitting,
feeding, and
showmanship
skills!



Schedule:
8:30-9 ~ Registration
9-11:30 ~ Sheep & Goats
11:30-12:30 ~ Lunch
12:30-3 ~ Hogs & Cattle
3 ~ Wrap-up

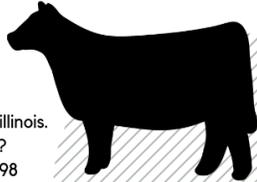
Cost: \$10

Registration fee includes lunch and
T-shirt!

All 4-H ages welcome!

Presenters:
TBA

Register at:
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=19598>



Christian County Fairgrounds 1716 West Spreser Taylorville, IL 62568
For questions about this event, call (217) 287-7246 or email at cgump@illinois.edu

2019 CHRISTIAN COUNTY 4-H SHOW BOOK COVER CONTEST

Get in touch with your creative side to design a cover for the 2019 Christian County 4-H Show Book! The winner will receive a prize and their design on the show book cover! *Due to the office March 1st.*

Rules:

1. Must be a Christian County 4-H member, includes Cloverbuds.
2. Include the title: 2019 Christian County 4-H Show Book
3. If you decide to use the 4-H Clover, you can find the official Clover at www.national4-headquarters.gov or place a note where you would like us to add the trademark Clover.
4. Black ink on white paper (8.5x11) is suggested. No lined paper.

Only 1 submission per member

Submit your designs to the Christian
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Christian County 4-H Beef Weigh In



When: Saturday, February 2nd

Where: Northside Vet Clinic

Time: 8:00-10:00 A.M.

RVSP to Rebecca at rlvngst2@illinois.edu

or 217-287-7246

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It's 'udderly' amazing



You don't need a cow. You don't need to like milk (though you should REALLY like milk). You don't need to be taking a dairy project. All you need to compete in the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is a desire to do it. (You would probably do better if you study, too.) The state contest is Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. Check in before 11:30 a.m. The first test begins at 11:30 a.m. Contest rounds begin at 1 p.m., and the contest will be completed by 5 p.m. Participants will need to pay for their group lunch at the hotel OR you can go (with adult supervision) across the parking lot to Steak 'n Shake between noon and 1 p.m.

Register with your local Extension office before Feb. 15. Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Study reference sources include the Illinois 4-H dairy manuals plus *Hoard's Dairyman Reference Books*, *IL Extension Livestock E-Quiz website*, *Holstein Foundation website*, and *Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials online*.

Teams of four may compete, or individuals can be added to other groups to form a team. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members participating at this state contest. Youth 15 to 18 are eligible for the national team. For information, contact Dave Fischer @ dfischer@illinois.edu or call 618-830-4957.

YES! you can!

College students can put their 4-H experience to work while they develop their professional skills in youth development, group facilitation, critical thinking, and program management as a Project Youth Extension Service (YES!) intern. Project YES! Interns provide educational activities for youth of military families. This is a 12-month internship for college juniors, seniors, and graduate students and runs June 2019 – May 2020. Interns must attend the mandatory orientation, currently scheduled for May 17-26, 2019 as well as additional training throughout the year (as required). Following orientation, interns may work 1-2 weekends a month, however interns **must commit to a minimum of one weekend per month (Fri-Sun)** for the duration of the internship. Additional opportunities may be presented during the summer months and throughout the year. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 28. Apply @ www.projectyouthextension.com.



January is National Mentoring Month

All #TrueLeaders need good role models who can lead through example. Mentoring is just one way adults can help empower youth to make a difference in their club, community, country and world! #NationalMentoringMonth #InspireKidstoDo

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WHAT'S NEW IN 2019

Each month, we'll feature something new about one of our 4-H project areas! Let's start with Foods!

We've added an **Innovation Class** to all of our 4-H foods nutrition projects. What does this mean? It means that whatever food project you are enrolled in, you can do something **NEW** and **DIFFERENT** and exhibit it at our 2019 4-H show! Don't worry, you can still exhibit in your regular food class if you want!

Here is the general guideline for the **Foods Innovation Class**:

Demonstrate the skills and knowledge you have gained through the project. The exhibit may include, but isn't limited to, original recipes, results of experiments not in the foods project books, variations on recipes or experimenting with unique cooking or baking methods. Your work can be displayed by a food product, demonstrations, digital presentations, performances, or posters which you have made. Choose whatever method best shows what you've learned. Your exhibit should not fit in the other exhibit options for this project. You must furnish any equipment you need for your exhibit. Internet service will not be provided for the exhibit. All exhibits must include something visual, such as a printed copy of a digital presentation, which will remain on display during the exhibition. Electronic equipment will only be used during your personal judging time and will not remain on display during the entire exhibit period. If you bring a food product, the food will NOT be tasted.



Step up on National 4-H Day of Service

4-H members do service better than everyone else! Join us for National 4-H Day of Service Saturday, April 27. The goal of National 4-H Day of Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals or as an entire county 4-H program. No matter what the project, this will be a day to make a difference.

Can't make it April 27? That's okay; plan something for any day in April.

Here's how to participate:

1. Go to <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/> and register your event.
2. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and find helpful resources.
3. Do your event and promote on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders.
4. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and submit a report on what you did. We'd love to see your photos, too.

Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 15. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application and paper application submission information are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>.



Learn about the swine industry

4-H members are invited to a free workshop on February 16 at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The day begins at 9 a.m. with check-in. Lunch will be provided. Youth may stay and complete the YQCA training at 4 p.m. at no cost. We'll learn more later about this **NEW, REQUIRED** YQCA training which will replace Illinois' Quality Assurance and Ethics certification, but this is a great way to have fun and get your training out of the way. For more information and to register, go to ilpork.com.



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ExplorACES

Time for you to Explore ACES

Take a day and find out just what University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences offers students. March 8 is saved for prospective students and their families; March 9 is for confirmed ACES students. Learn more online @ exploreaces.org.

So good, we added another week to 4-H Memorial Camp

Great news! 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello will be offering five summer camp sessions in 2019. Choose from one of these summer sessions:



- Tuesday, June 4 – Saturday, June 8
- Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13
- Sunday, June 16 – Thursday, June 20
- Sunday, June 30 – Thursday, July 4
- Sunday, July 28 – Thursday, August 1

Cost will be \$230 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post and a camper t-shirt so don't bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$270.

Registration will open February 4 @ go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp! Don't be late. Most spots will be taken by the end of February!

Ride on over to the State 4-H Horse contests



STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTESTS: The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 13** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m. All 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed. You must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.

REGIONAL 4-H HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY CONTESTS: Regional horse contests will be held across the state. Winning teams and individuals advance to the state contests. The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 13**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 14** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team.

<insert regional horse contest information>

Get cash to help improve your community



Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible and apply today at farmcreditIL.com. **Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!**

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•APPLY NOW FOR SCHOLARSHIPS•

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com before March 1. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

ILLINOIS 4-H LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 **Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship** is open to members who have demonstrated mastery in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of agriculture. Members must have been involved in the livestock project a minimum of three years. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.

LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Fifteen \$1,000 **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship** are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.

IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The IAA Foundation provides college scholarships to Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, spouses, or their children who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. This year, the IAA Foundation offers 72 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500. Applicants may apply for more than one but can only receive one scholarship. In addition to the above guidelines, many scholarships have specific requirements which you will need to review. Apply online before February 1, 2019 @ http://www.iaafoundation.org/iaaf/Scholarships/overview_scholarships.htm.



Just so you know

2019 Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest is June 8

2019 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Competition is May 11

2019 Illini 4-H Summer Academies is June 23-29

2019 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is July 22-28.

2019 Illinois 4-H State Dog Show is Aug. 24

More details to follow as they are available!

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mark your calendar!



January 15	DEADLINE: Program Assistants for Citizenship Washington Focus
January 18	DEADLINE: Registration closes for Junior Leadership Conference
January 26 & 27	Youth Livestock Superhero Conference, Decatur
February	National Black History Month
February 1	DEADLINE: IAA Foundation Scholarships
February 15	DEADLINE: Registration for State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
February 15	DEADLINE: Governor's Service Awards
February 16	Illinois Pork Producers Youth Day
February 23	State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, East Peoria
February 23-24, 2019	Illinois 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference, Champaign
February 28	DEADLINE: World of 7 Billion Video Contest
February 28	DEADLINE: Project Y.E.S. Internships
March 1	DEADLINE: 4-H Livestock Scholarship
March 1	DEADLINE: 4-H Legacy of Leadership Scholarship
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Community Service Grants
March 8	Explore ACES Open House @ University of Illinois
April 13	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest
April 13	State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest
April 14	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
April 27	National 4-H Day of Service #TrueLeaders
May 4-5	4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
May 11	State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington