



# Livingston, McLean & Woodford Extension Quarterly Impact Report



## July, August, September & October 2018

### Lt. Governor Sanguinetti makes a stop at Extension in McLean County

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – University of Illinois Extension and various community partners enjoyed a visit from Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti on her way through Bloomington-Normal this August.

She started by stopping for a tour of the Unity Community Center in Normal to discuss progress of the current renovations and updates coming this fall to expand opportunities in the program. The group including The Town of Normal and Town Council Members, Normal Rotary, Extension County Director, Extension staff members and more toured the site, discussed the impact of Unity’s food distribution project, and took a walk through the production garden where many of our Unity youth grow food and worked in throughout various summer camps.

Following a short car ride, the team arrived at the McLean County Extension Office to chat with the McLean County Chamber of Commerce, Unit 5 Superintendent Mark Daniel, ISU CeMaST program, Circuit Breakers Electricity 4-H SPIN Club & PowerSurge Robotics 4-H SPIN Club representatives, 4-H Teen Teachers, and more. We concluded the day with discussions of how each represented group is working to increase collaboration and opportunities for STEM into their businesses, schools, and after-school programming throughout McLean County and beyond.



*Photo Caption: Town of Normal Town Council Members, Chemberly Cummings and Kathleen Lorenz, Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti and University of Illinois Extension County Director for Livingston, McLean & Woodford Counties Bobbie Lewis-Sibley at Unity Community Center in Normal, IL*



*Photo Caption: Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti listens in as Aiden Brokken talks about planning, designing, and building his robot in PowerSurge 4-H Robotics SPIN Club in Bloomington, IL.*



*Photo Caption: Unit 5 Superintendent Mark Daniel opens discussion with Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti, University of Illinois Extension County Director for Livingston, McLean & Woodford Counties Bobbie Lewis-Sibley and Extension STEAM in the Classroom Coordinator, Emily Saddler at the McLean County Extension Office in Bloomington, IL*

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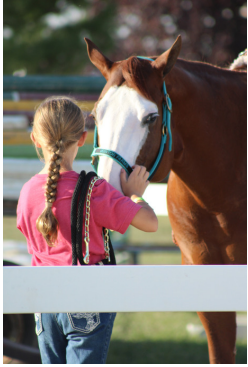
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## A Glimpse through the 4-H Shows around Livingston, McLean & Woodford

As the seasons change, it is always fun to think back to the days of running around the 4-H shows just a couple of months ago. Whether it was out in the barns during one of the cattle, horse or rabbit shows or maybe back to Cloverleaf Hall for the fashion revue, it all means the same thing. Success!



But it's so much more than that ribbon hanging from the projects. It is the months and months of preparation for perfecting that cookie or cake recipe or maybe working with your 4-H Club on Club displays that all lead to those moments of success at the show. Each and every 4-H member that joins 4-H, works on that project, and gives that presentation, is supported by club members and leaders on their journey. In the end, they end up with the types of success that no one can measure. As the season changes, we are thankful for summer memories led by hard work, support, and dedication.

## Bees Buzz to Pollinator Palooza with ISU Horticulture Center

What was simply an idea, became an event, and brought 175 youth and adults, friends, and family's out to take a walk with the pollinators at Illinois State University Horticulture Center in Normal, IL. Welcome to Pollinator Palooza!

17 Educational stations manned by Extension staff, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, and community partners were stops along the way of learning every step to being a pollinator.

When walking through the beautiful plants and gardens on display, here's a snapshot of the day. Partnering with the Central Illinois Beekeeping Association brought tasty samples of bee-products, and taught families bee communication with their famous "Waggle Dance." Ecology Action Center helped the public troubleshoot issues for a more "Yard Smart" home landscape. Master Gardeners manned stations teaching about the Monarch lifecycle, the difference between butterflies and moths (and the importance of each), and pollinator-friendly herbs. Youth also had the opportunity to make hummingbird feeder kits, sweep a prairie, go on a pollinated-fruit scavenger hunt, and much more! Seeing youth "waggle dance" their way out of the gardens, surely helped them see the importance of pollinators.



## Cloverbuds get the chance to add Horticulture to their learning this new 4-H year!

New to the 2018-2019 4-H Cloverbud curriculum is an exciting collaboration in the planning stages but we are excited to add Horticulture to their plans. From a gardening calendar filled with projects to fun activities all surrounding the world of horticulture. Extension Educator, Brittney Haag is hard at work developing the lessons as we speak! If you know a Cloverbud or 5 to 7 year old who loves flowers, insects, gardening, and planting, contact our office or visit [go.illinois.edu/LMW](http://go.illinois.edu/LMW) for more on joining Cloverbuds today!



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