

SEASONAL 4-H NEWSLETTER

Livingston | McLean | Woodford
Fall/Winter 2018



New!

Faces of 4-H in McLean & Woodford Counties

New!

Emily Saddler
4-H Educator - McLean County

"I am extremely excited to support the strong 4-H team that we have in McLean County. I value McLean County 4-H for holding strong to tradition and the motivation to provide innovative and exciting opportunities for our 4-H community. I look forward to growing with our new 4-H team as we learn by doing! You will run into me at programs such as Wizarding World in January, summer workshops, College & Career Conference in October and of course, I'll see you at the fair!"

Kaitlyn Prehoda
4-H Program Coordinator - McLean County

"I am excited to see the 4-H program grow and to get to work with the McLean County youth as they join Federation, participate in workshops, and eventually as they take projects to the fair! Look for me working with Shooting Sports, Crop plots, livestock tattooings, Federation, and any workshop that they would want to see! If I don't see you at club visits in January, I will see you at the 4-H Show."

Blaine Troyer

4-H Program Coordinator - McLean County

"I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of our numerous McLean County 4-H volunteers as well as upcoming Club Visits throughout the 2018-2019 year! Besides club visits, you may see me at 2019 Learn & Fun Day this February! I really cannot wait for you all to see the amazing workshops that we have planned!"



Blaine, Emily & Kaitlyn cannot wait to meet you all!

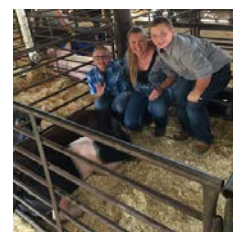
"I'm looking forward to interacting with families at the show and club visits. Helping children and adults, along with public speaking are some of my favorite things to do!"

Samantha Klumb
Office Support
Woodford County



Stop in the Woodford Extension Office and Samantha is the first one you will see! Whether it be 4-H Online questions or information about upcoming Woodford 4-H events, stop in or make the call and she'll be ready to help!

Katie Keefer
4-H Program Coordinator
Woodford County



2019 4-H Learn & Fun Day

Monday, February 18 (President's Day)

Trinity Lutheran School

1102 W. Hamilton Rd., Bloomington

Youth ages 8 to 14 and Cloverbud program (ages 5 to 7)

Cost: \$25 4-H Members and \$30 Non-4-H Members

Registration includes: 2 Morning Workshops, Lunch, 2 Afternoon Workshops and all workshop supplies

Workshop space is limited! Register online at go.illinois.edu/RegisterLMW! Contact 4-H Staff with questions!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H?



2018 Livingston County 4-H Achievement Night

It's always a great time when you gather Livingston County 4-H members, leaders and families together to celebrate such an amazing 2017-2018 4-H year. From last fall to this summer at the 4-H Show, we hope you look back and remember just how important those memories are as we move onto the next year! Congratulations to all of our winners and all of our Livingston County 4-H members, as we look forward to more and more success from you all. Take a glance through our winners and start planning how you can "Inspire To Do" it again this 2018-2019 4-H year! Look for our 2017-2018 recap video and more photos on our Livingston County 4-H Facebook page soon! #thats4H #LivingstonCounty4H



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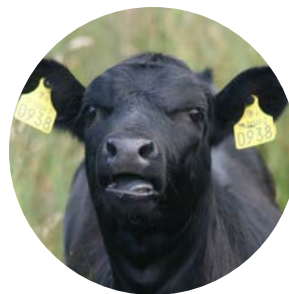
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Date: February 9, 2019

Time: Beginning at 7 a.m.

Location: 4-H Park in Pontiac, IL



New 4-H Member Orientation Welcome Party 2019

Are you new to 4-H? We are so glad that you decided to be part of 4-H and we understand that sometimes new families have questions about how 4-H works. Don't worry! Mark your calendar and plan to attend a special New Member Orientation Welcome Party on Tuesday, February 12. Members and their parents are invited to attend this fun and informative session. Keep an eye out for more information coming this winter.



Are you in 8th grade or above and looking for even more 4-H? Become a 4-H Ambassador with us!

Did you know that you are eligible to be part of the 4-H Ambassadors group? Ambassadors are youth leaders who promote 4-H using their skills, knowledge and leadership abilities. 4-H Ambassadors strengthen 4-H through education, recruitment and public relations...and they have a ton of fun! Interested, contact Theresa Schopp at tboat1@hotmail.com.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H CLUBS ARE BUSY!



Livingston County 4-H Ambassadors made stockings for Good Samaritan Nursing Home and with the help of the Pontiac PowerRockets, they planned a day together filled with Christmas caroling and stocking delivery. Such awesome teamwork and the nursing home had to have loved your visit!



Emington Hot Shots 4-H members celebrated both 4-H and the holiday season at their club Christmas event!



Flanagan Ever Ready 4-H Club met December 2 for their meeting.

At the end of their meeting, the club made Christmas ornaments from cinnamon sticks and had an awesome candy gift exchange.

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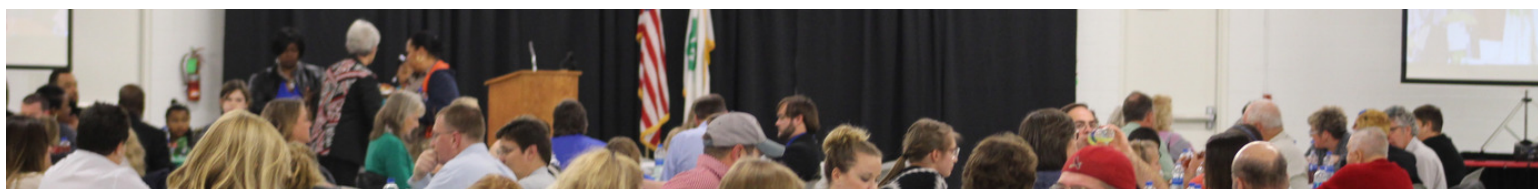


WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND MCLEAN COUNTY 4-H?



2018 McLean County 4-H Recognition of Excellence

Whether it was at a club outing last fall or back to the McLean County Fairgrounds in August, the ribbons, memories, and smiles were all reimaged at the Recognition of Excellence ceremony out at the Mini Expo Building. From scholarships and Illinois 4-H State awards to Cloverbuds completing their first year, we hope you all keep those smiles and memories alive all year long and into the 2018-2019 4-H year! Take a glance through the night's festivities and start planning just how you can do it again this 4-H year! Pick up this year's event tabloid at the office!



Look for our 2017-2018 recap video and more photos on our McLean County 4-H Facebook page soon! #McLeanCounty4H #thats4H



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Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Reel Livestock Center, Congerville, IL



McLean County Association for Home and Community Education Scholarship Application Online

If you are/were a McLean County 4-H member currently in college or accepted for Fall 2019 and have completed a 2017-2018 4-H projects in the areas of Home & Family/Food, Nutrition & Health at the last county fair and 3 previous years, don't forget to check out the HCE Scholarship application on our website at go.illinois.edu/McLean4H under Record Keeping and Scholarships. You will find an information sheet and scholarship application explaining all of the requirements including photos and your 4-H story guidelines to be considered for a scholarship up to \$500. Applications are due to the McLean County Extension Office by April 2, 2019 (McLean County HCE, attention: Eileen Norin, 1615 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington, IL 61704).



Are you in 8th grade or above and looking for even more 4-H? Join McLean County 4-H Federation!

The 2018-2019 4-H year seems like it just started and the McLean County 4-H Federation youth are already off to a great start! They have already had numerous meetings, awesome conversations, and tons of fun activities along the way. It seems like yesterday they were at Ropp's for the Fall Cookout and just yesterday was the Holiday Party! If you are a member of McLean County 4-H, 8th grade and above, get in on the fun and contact McLean County 4-H staff today! Next meeting is Monday, January 28 at 6 p.m. at the McLean County Extension Office!



McLean County 4-H Federation met at Ropp's Farm for the Fall Cookout - Over 30 youth attended and participated in fun fall activities including bobbing for apples, painting pumpkins, group mummy races, campfire hot dogs, smores, and much more!



Business meetings are another part to 4-H Federation! Planning out a fun calendar year as a group.

Celebrating the holidays with McLean County 4-H Federation members is the best! Whether it was the intense Gingerbread House contest or holiday themed games and activities, every one had a fun time!

Make sure to stop in and say hello while McLean County 4-H Federation members ring bells around our communities this holiday season!



December 15 - Walmart (Greenbriar Dr., Normal)
December 17 - Hy-Vee
December 20 - Walmart (Greenbriar Dr., Normal)



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Although it was rainy outside, it was also raining down awards for Woodford County 4-H members at this year's 4-H Achievement Night. From specific project awards for excellence within the Beef Project area to the 4-H Clover awards for outstanding record keeping, our Cloverbuds to future alumni certainly worked hard during the 2017-2018 4-H year. After naming Club of the Year, lots of smiles were shared and the start of the next year, new projects, and new goals were officially kicked off! We hope you enjoyed the evening and take a glance through the night's festivities below. Look for our 2017-2018 recap video and more photos on our Woodford County 4-H Facebook page soon! Remember to pick up this year's awards booklet at the Extension office! #WoodfordCounty4H #thats4H



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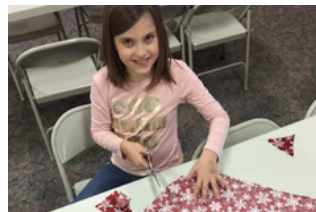


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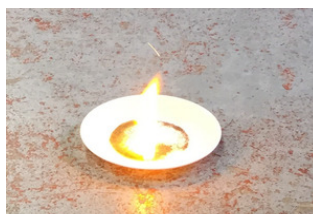
WOODFORD COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS ARE BUSY!



Roanoke Happy Hustlers Community Service Project. They used donated material and cut and sewed stockings for soldiers. Many of the members did not know how to sew prior to this community service project. It was a great opportunity for them to try something they'd never done before and all of them said they really enjoyed learning to sew. The project was a great learning process from gathering material, to cutting the stocking templates, sewing them, and lastly having a finished project that will bring joy to others. The kids loved knowing exactly who the stockings were going to.



Woodford County 4-H represented around the world! Congrats to three Woodford County 4-H members who competed in the sheep Showmanship contest at NAILE this fall in Louisville, KY! They were in the top 10 of their classes with more than 25 kids in each. Awesome job to Kate Henkel - 16-year-olds placed 10th, Bayla Crouch - 12-year-olds placed 5th and Shyla Crouch - 9-year-olds placed 8th! Way to represent Woodford County 4-H!



2018 Woodford County 4-H Shooting Sports is off and running! Take a look inside a few of our first weekends learning all about the proper skills, handling, and more within the shooting sports project area! Thank you to all of our awesome instructors in which we know you are having just as much fun as the youth are every weekend.

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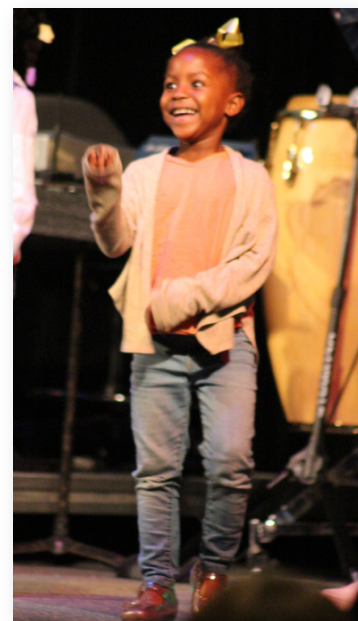
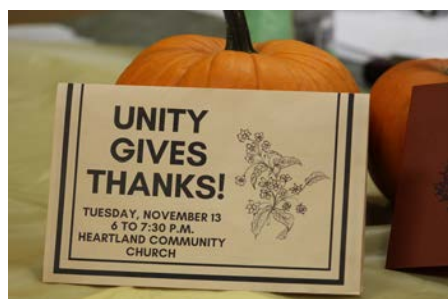


WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND UNITY COMMUNITY CENTER?



Thankful for this year's Unity Gives Thanks

An evening of smiles, delicious food, and plenty of things to be thankful for! That is the idea surrounding the Unity Gives Thanks celebration and this year was just that. With past Unity influencers and supporters coming back to visit, awards presented to some of our most dedicated volunteers, and of course the yummy Thanksgiving style meal, provided by the Sunset Rotary Club, put the icing on the cake. Unity youth were the emcees of the event and even put on a special dance performance for the audience. Thank you for another great year at Unity and here's to the next. Remember to keep up with the Unity happenings at our Unity Community Center Facebook page. #thats4H



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2018-2019 ILLINOIS 4-H STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



Spring 2019 Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Opportunities

Be watching for upcoming Speaking for Illinois 4-H training dates after January 1, 2019! Two more training opportunities will be scheduled in spring 2019. We anticipate the spring trainings to be held in central and southern Illinois locations. Exact dates will be identified once we have access to the 2019 Illinois Legislative Calendar.



Why should you participate in Speaking for Illinois 4-H training? You'll be trained to effectively share your 4-H story with legislators, donors, 4-H volunteers, and civic groups. You will also develop skills to explain the impact 4-H has in your local community, Illinois, and the world. Training is provided by members of the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team. Those who complete training will be invited to attend the Spring 2019 Legislative Connection events at the state capital in Springfield. More info at go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.

Give to others this holiday season

The Illinois 4-H Foundation supports more than \$600,000 worth of projects and programs each year. Every county benefits from these gifts. Has your club given back to the Foundation? As you support others in your community, consider supporting the work of YOUR 4-H Foundation. Giving is easy at <https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu>.



2019 Youth Livestock Superhero Conference: Camp Lead | It's More than 'Meats' the Eye

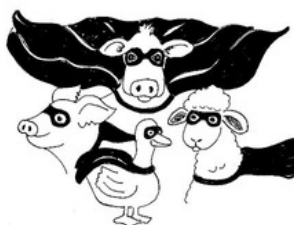
The Conference is a fun-filled overnight weekend event for 4-H members. This program provides leadership and team building activities as well as exciting hands-on opportunities built around the science and disciplines of livestock production and exhibition.

"Marvelous Medics"

Youth Assemble! Help us unmask the possibilities of vet science in the Marvelous Medics workshop! Become a lifesaver as we learn how to dissect, inject, and get your suture-senses tingling! By the time you leave, you'll be able to stitch, vaccinate, and see your way well enough to save the day!

"What Makes a Super Animal?"

Come discover the parts that gives super animals their power. Participants will get hands-on experience revolving around meat production. Individuals will get a chance to glove up and get into the cooler to explore a variety of different cuts. Use your X-ray vision with the help of ultrasound to see inside the super animals and "Super-Suit" up to end this session by competing against your peers. Here you will gain more power to fuel your super brains about the meat science industry.



January 26 & 27, 2019

Decatur Hotel & Conference Center (4191 W US Highway 36, Decatur, IL)

REGISTER BY 12/17/18 ONLINE @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock

OPEN to 4-H youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grade

COST is \$165 per participant

Cost includes participant t-shirt, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, snacks, and all workshop materials.

ARRIVE by 10 AM Saturday, Jan. 26

DEPART by 11:30 AM Sunday, Jan. 27

To the left are just a few of the conference sessions!

Visit the site above for event more!

Contact 4-H staff at your local Extension office for questions about attending!

2019 Junior Leadership Conference: Camp Lead | February 23 & 24 | Champaign, IL

Join in the fun of summer camp in the middle of winter at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. Cost is \$160. Registration is open and filling up at go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc. Registration may fill, or closes January 18!



Check out these workshops:

- **Survival Wearables:** There are many kids in the world who will never get the chance to go to camp. In this workshop, you'll work with Real Hope for Haiti to help clothe boys and girls around the world!
- **The Wilderness Challenge:** Do you have what it takes? Come to experience the wilderness and try your best to overcome challenging physical and mental obstacles.
- **Exploring the Forest of 4-H:** Discover all of the opportunities 4-H has to offer. The possibilities in 4-H are endless. 4-H offers opportunities in science, agriculture, and citizenship, in a positive environment where you get guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to be a leader. Explore the forest of 4-H and search for your team.
- **Crafty Rafty:** Venture into the unknown with only a backpack as you build a raft to help you and your fellow explorers cross a ravine. This workshop allows attendees to work together and be creative to accomplish their goal!
- **Science Explorers:** Join us to explore a different area of science under the Milky Way. You'll create glow-in-the-dark elephant toothpaste, experience the effects of static electricity, and fly to the stars with your man-made rockets.

Grab your gear and head to 4-H Memorial Camp

Be part of the best camping experience in Central Illinois. 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



Cost will be \$220 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post so you don't need to bring extra cash to camp! The cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$260. Registration will open February 4! Don't be late. All 1,050 spaces filled up in 45 days last year! Contact 4-H staff at your local Extension office for questions and follow the news at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp>

IL Pork Association bring "Illinois Pork Youth Day" February 16

Join us for our inaugural IL Pork Youth Day!

This event is open to all youth ages 8-18, interested in the pork industry.

When: Feb 16, 2019

Check-in begins at 9 a.m. Program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Illinois State Fairgrounds Livestock Center (N 8th St & Central Ave., Springfield, IL 62702)

Topics to be covered: Skillathon, Guest speakers from Lindner Show Feeds, Zoetis, and a career panel with young industry professionals, Animal Nutrition, Pork Production 101, Healthy Habits for You and Your Pigs, Show pig opportunities panel, Opportunities with IL Pork, & Optional YQCA in-person training

Lunch will be provided. Parents are welcome to attend with children.

There is no cost to attend – please register at <http://ilpork.com/youth/il-pork-youth-day>.



World of 7 Billion Video Contest

Back by popular demand, the World of 7 Billion student video contest helps you bring technology and creativity into your world. The contest challenges students to create a short video connecting world population growth to one of three global challenges: preserving biodiversity, sustainable resource use, or human rights. Students can win cash prizes. The deadline is **February 28, 2019**. Full contest guidelines, resources for research, past winners, and more can be found online @ worldof7billion.org.



Help us understand youth!

The Youth Engaged 4 Change website has a fresh, new look with content that continues to inspire and empower young people to improve their lives and the world around them. Check it out @ engage.youth.gov. The site will help you FIND OPPORTUNITIES, including volunteering, internships, jobs, and leadership opportunities. FIND ANSWERS and explore resources on topics they care about, like mental health, relationships, education, and more. FIND INSPIRATION from Change Makers who are volunteering, acting as leaders and role models, advocating, and making an impact in the lives of others.

Opportunities for 4-H Alum

How about assisting with the Citizen Washington Focus 4-H trip this year?

One of the most exciting trips 4-H members can take is the Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. Young adults are needed as program assistants for the summer program. The commitment includes three weeks of training, seven weeks of programming, and one week of program wrap-up. During programming weeks, the assistants work with client groups for the group's entire stay, from Sunday afternoon until Friday night, working in collaboration with each group's coordinator as well as Council program and planning staff. The assistants become licensed Class B Tour Guides for the District of Columbia metro area and will work to facilitate National 4-H Council's educational curricula to groups of youth. **Apply online by January 15 @ 4-h.org!**



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 2019. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of their 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. Interviews will be held on February 23-24 and March 9-10. If you or someone you know would be interested in interviewing or taking a tour, please visit 4hhouse.com or contact Interviewing Chair, Madison Wilson, @ 4hhouseinterview@gmail.com.





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SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...SCHOLARSHIPS!



January 2019 Deadlines

Joyce Betz Scholarships

Two scholarships honor the late Joyce Betz. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County and her children are current 4-H club members.

A \$500 **TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship** will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due **January 1** and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

The \$1,000 **Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship** will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due **January 1** and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

Lois Britt Memorial Pork Industry Scholarship

Sponsored by CME Group and the National Pork Industry Foundation, this scholarship provides 10 \$2,500 scholarships to youth pursuing a career in the pork industry. Apply online by **January 4, 2019** @ nppc.org/programs/scholarships.

March 2019 Deadlines



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 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.



2019 Grants

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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