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# MONROE COUNTY 4-H Family News



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## Welcome Amy!



Amy Cope joins us as the new County Director for Madison, Monroe & St. Clair counties.

Amy holds a Master's Degree in Organizational Communications and a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture/Agricultural Business.

Her work history includes experience with Farm Business/Farm Management, Bunge North America and Bayer.

Amy is a Monroe County 4-H alum, has been a co-leader of the Backyard Bandits 4-H Club with her sister, Heidi, and served as an Extension Unit Advisory Council member.

She is married to Lyle Cope, who is a volunteer with the Monroe Co. Shooting Sports program as the Air Rifle Instructor. They have two children, Avery-9 and Brady-4. She is the daughter of Larry and Marlene Wild.

Amy's early focus is on getting to know the staff, current programming, facilities and financials. "There are many great programs this unit and staff have built throughout the years and we will continue to stay focused on making those successful. A large focus will remain on the continuity and growth of our youth programming throughout Monroe, Madison and St. Clair counties."



*Thank you very much for the wonderful support, memories, cards and contributions to the Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation in recognition of my retirement from University of Illinois Extension.*

*It has been a privilege and honor to work with the 4-H members, families and volunteers throughout my career!*

*—Pam Jacobs*

**Monroe County Office**  
901 Illinois Ave., PO Box 117  
Waterloo, IL 62298  
618-939-3434, 618-939-7708 Fax

**Office Hours:**  
Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.  
Closed Noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

**Madison-St. Clair County Branch Office**  
1 Regency Plaza, Suite 200  
Collinsville, IL 62234  
618-344-4230, 618-344-5602 Fax

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# You CAN Crochet!

Breakfast snacks  
will be provided at  
8:30am.

## Monday, February 17 9-11am

Open to youth ages 10 and up.  
10 and under must be  
accompanied by an adult



**Learn:**

- Different types of hooks and yarn—why are they used in different projects.
- How to hold a crochet hook
- How to make a slip knot
- How to make a chain stitch and simple stitch

**\*Open to 10 participants only.**  
**Call 939-3434 to register by Feb.13**

COST: \$2.00 for 4-H Members \$3.00 for non 4-H Members  
*Payable at workshop.*

*\*Bring a sack lunch if you plan to stay after the Crochet Workshop.*  
*Activities will be provided during break.*



# Floral Arranging for Fun!

## Monday, February 17 12:30-1:30pm Monroe County Annex

*Learn about the basic design elements of  
flower arrangements and how to make a  
bow for your arrangement.*

COST: \$2.00 for 4-H Members  
\$3.00 for non 4-H Members  
*Payable at workshop.*

**\*Open to 20 participants**  
**Call 939-3434 to register by Feb.13**

# Fabulous Paper Flowers!

Monday, February 17

1:45-3:15pm

*Learn how to create flower art from cardstock and tissue paper.*



COST: \$2.00 for 4-H Members  
\$3.00 for non 4-H Members  
*Payable at workshop.*

**\*Open to 20 participants**  
**Call 939-3434 to register by Feb.13**

# String Art!

Monday, February 17

3:30-4:30pm

*Try your hand at learning the art of string design!*



COST: \$2.00 for 4-H Members  
\$3.00 for non 4-H Members  
*Payable at workshop.*

**\*Open to 20 participants**  
**Call 939-3434 to register by Feb.13**

# Sewing Workshop



Saturday, February 22

9:00-11:00am

Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave.

*Learn how to sew a tote bag with a sewing machine.*

**Open to youth ages 10 and up.**  
**10 and under must be**  
**accompanied by an adult**

**\*Open to 10 participants only.**  
**Call 939-3434 to register by Feb. 19**

COST:  
\$2.00 for 4-H Members  
\$3.00 for non 4-H Members  
*Payable at workshop.*



# Hunting-Wildlife-Outdoor Skills



## 4-H CLUB



### First Meeting :

Welcome, What to Expect, Scheduling, Enrollment Info and Wildlife Activity

**Saturday, February 22, 10:00am**

**Monroe County Annex**

901 Illinois Ave. , Waterloo

**Open to all youth ages 8-18**

Subsequent meetings will include activities such as learning to track animals, using a field camera, wildlife education, taxidermy tour, safety and first aid in the woods and more!

*\*No firearms are used in this club\**

**Please call 939-3434 to register for the February 22 meeting.**

***\*Further club registration details will be provided at that meeting.\****

### ILLINOIS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

**9 am – 7 pm, Saturday, March 28, 2020**

**Tombstone Gun Range and Training Center. Marion, IL**

**\*\*Monroe County Shooting Sports program is specifically in need for an additional Archery Instructor. Please contact Kelly Brandt at the Extension office at 939-3434 if you are interested taking the Instructor Training to help as a volunteer with this program.\*\***



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## **ATTENTION LIVESTOCK MEMBERS!**

*IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN DAIRY CATTLE, BEEF CATTLE, SWINE,  
SHEEP, AND/OR GOATS:*

All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be **required** to certify in the

**Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program,**  
by attending class taught by a local veterinarian.

*There will be three local options for a face-to-face training:*

- **March 19, 7pm, Madison County Fairgrounds Expo Building, 2025 Parkhill Dr., Highland**
- **March 31, 7pm, Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo**
- **April 25, 1pm, Scheve Park Ag Building, 905 Park Dr., Mascoutah**

There is a **\$3 fee** to YQCA to certify *each year* if you exhibit one of the above livestock species.

TO REGISTER: Go to <https://ygca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

Choose "Sign in with 4-H Online" and Illinois 4-H Youth Development. Sign into your 4-H Online account.

Select member that is enrolled in one of the above listed livestock projects.

Choose the appropriate age and choose "**Instructor-Led Training.**" **\$3.00.**

Choose Illinois and then the training you wish to attend, then click on the red "Purchase Course" button.

Training must be paid for via credit card. If this option is not available for your family, please contact the Extension office as soon as possible.

Repeat registration process with each family member required to take the training.

*If you are unable to attend one of the face-to-face meetings, you may take the YQCA training online following the same directions as above, but selecting the online training for \$12. Please contact the Extension office if this is the option you are using. Please complete by May 1.*

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## ***IF YOU ARE ENROLLED HORSES, RABBITS, POULTRY, DOGS, AND/OR CATS:***

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs.

The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/gaec/>





Congratulations to **Cassie & Krista Allscheid** (Crusading Eagles) who won Show Heifer and Bull of the Year for the Missouri Hereford Association!

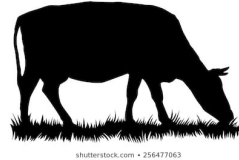
## 4-H Beef Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, February 4 ~ 6:30pm**

**Monroe Co. Annex**

Open to: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Beef Exhibitors

Purpose: Involve youth in helping to prepare for the 4-H & Jr. Beef activities/workshops/weigh-ins/shows and provide an opportunity for building leadership skills.



## Steer Weigh-In

**Saturday, February 29**

**8:00am @ Monroe**

**County Fairgrounds**

## 4-H Sheep Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, February 4 ~ 7:30pm**

**Monroe Co. Annex**



Open to: 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Sheep Exhibitors

Purpose: Involve youth in helping to prepare for the 4-H & Jr. Sheep activities/workshops/weigh-ins/shows and provide an opportunity for building leadership skills.

## LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS:

- The PDF versions of the books are found here: [https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock\\_record\\_writable.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock_record_writable.pdf)
- They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print it off and fill it in by hand. Please remember to be very neat if writing.
- The Instruction Guide is found here: [https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock\\_record\\_book\\_instruction\\_guide.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock_record_book_instruction_guide.pdf) to help you through the process of filling the book out.
- Books are due to the Extension office by **September 15, 2020** for judging.

**2020 Small Farms Winter Webinar Series presents:**

**The Basics for Goats and Sheep**

**March 19, 12-1pm**

**Register:** <http://go.aces.illinois.edu/SmallFarmWinterWebinar>

the webinar will be posted to the Local Foods YouTube channel about 2 weeks after the program at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/smallfarmslocalfoodsyoutube>

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Members of the 4-H Jr. Naturalist Club and other 4-H'ers recently built two different styles of Owl Nesting Boxes at Baebler Educational Farm. The boxes have been mounted on trees in a wooded area of the farm and will be monitored by 4-H members as part of the state-wide "Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge," with the goal to see what kind of nesting box the Barred Owl prefers.

## Junior Master Gardeners: Sprouting Soon!

First meeting: **March 4 at 3:30pm**

Monroe County Annex

11 subsequent spring and summer meetings



Learn how to start seeds, grow vegetables, use herbs, make terrariums, gourd birdhouses and more!

Program fee: \$25 for youth enrolled in a Monroe County 4-H Club; \$30 for all others.

This fee covers snacks, a T-shirt, and other program supplies.



Register by May 1, 2020.

Contact U of I Extension for more information,

[ruth1@illinois.edu](mailto:ruth1@illinois.edu) or 939-3434.

## BAEBLER EDUCATIONAL FARM WORK DAY



March 28, 9am-11:30am

Bring: Gloves, pruners, rakes.

Open to all 4-H Clubs including members, parents, etc.



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## College Scholarship Opportunities



### MONROE COUNTY EXTENSION & 4-H EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants must be seniors in high school and/or have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1, 2019 and must have been enrolled and active in a 4-H club program for at least **four** consecutive years. The applicant must be a resident of Monroe County and/or attend the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer or Red Bud School districts. 4-H members can only receive the Scholarship once. Applicants must be accepted into or be attending a post-high school education program. The application is available at: <https://go.illinois.edu/MoCoScholarship>

**DUE APRIL 17, 2020**

### MONROE COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

High school seniors may contact the Monroe County Farm Bureau office via phone at 939-6197 or email, [mcfarm@htc.net](mailto:mcfarm@htc.net) to request that an application be emailed to the interested individual. All applications must be typed. Applications and all supporting documents must be received by **February 15** to be considered.

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must be a high school senior graduating in May of 2020, be a member or child of a member of the Monroe County Farm Bureau since at least January 1, 2019, be accepted or plan to enroll in a post-secondary school in an agriculture curriculum, exhibit potential for successful completion of course of study, 2.0 minimum GPA and be a resident of Monroe County.

### 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](http://farmcreditIL.com) before **March 1**.

### ALUMiNUM TABS NEEDED!



Backyard Bandits 4-H Club member, Caleb Seboldt, is collecting aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in support of Valmeyer 4th grade student, Kaylee Muertz and her family as she goes through medical treatments at Children's Hospital.

Tabs can be dropped off at the Monroe County Farm Bureau office or Monroe County Extension office.

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**2020 Steers, Market Heifers, Barrows, Wethers, & Meat Goats  
Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show**

**STEERS:**

Calved on or after January 1, 2019. Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2020 • Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged – On or between the last Saturday in January (January 25, 2020) and February 29, 2020.

**BARROWS: Regular Barrows**

• Farrowed on or after January 1, 2020 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2020. No weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making entry for ISF

**BARROWS: Premiere Barrows**

Farrowed on or after February 10, 2020 and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2020. Weighed and Tattooed with Box A tattoo from February 10 to April 15, 2020. Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0 lbs/day of age. Junior exhibitors can purchase pre-nominated barrows.

**SHEEP Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs:**

Lambled on or after January 1, 2020. Ownership Date – May 15, 2020

Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.

Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2020.

**Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe lambs: - Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:**

Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level.

Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed with the Box A tattoo followed by a number starting with 1 - This must be witnessed by a local Extension employee or a person they designate, such as a volunteer or local sheep superintendent.

Completed nomination forms must be signed by the local Extension Office. Send nomination forms to Dan Jennings. Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2019. • Lambled on or after January 1, 2020

**Meat Goat Wethers:**

Born on or after October 1, 2019

Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2020

Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension office. Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2020.

## It's "udderly" amazing...

The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is Saturday, February 29 at Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center. Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Teams of 4 may compete or individuals can be added to other groups to form a

### Don't be chicken; hop on over!

Learn to show poultry and rabbits from one of the leading Illinois 4-H judges, Mike Claypool. The workshop is open to any 4-H members, and there is no cost. You can even bring your chicken or rabbit with you to get health and showing advice. The workshop is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.

**February 8, 9-11am @ Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont**

Register by February 7 @ [go.illinois.edu/LATclinic](https://go.illinois.edu/LATclinic)



### Explore a Future in Agriculture

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Apply online at <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>.

Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.



## SAVE THE DATE: 4-H MEMORIAL CAMP

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year.

Week 1: June 2-6

Week 2: June 7-11

Week 3: June 14-18

Week 4: July 5-9

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

It may be cooling off now, but summer will return, and we need you to help mentor the campers at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Applications will be available in January on the state 4-H website. We're looking for certified lifeguards and young adults interested in fishing, shelter building, tree and wildlife identification, and other outdoor adventures. We also need counselors interested in STEM programming. For information, contact Andy Davis @

[ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or call 217-762-2741.

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## CASH TO HELP IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY...

Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs and FFA chapters implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club and chapter members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live.

[www.farmcreditIL.com/community](http://www.farmcreditIL.com/community)

**Deadline - February 28, 2020**

## 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 21.**

Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete the online application at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/volunteerism/volunteers/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>

**VOLUNTEER  
APPRECIATION**

**JOANN**



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

Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit.

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Enrollment deadline in 4-H online to exhibit at County shows	February 1
4-H Beef Committee Meeting	February 4, 6:30pm, Monroe County Annex
4-H Sheep Committee Meeting	February 4, 7:30pm, Monroe County Annex
Crochet Workshop	February 17, 9-11am, Monroe County Annex
Flower Arranging Workshop	February 17, 12:30-1:30, Monroe County Annex
Paper Flower Workshop	February 17, 1:45-3:15, Monroe County Annex
String Art Workshop	February 17, 3:30-4:30, Monroe County Annex
Sewing Workshop	February 22, 9-11am, Monroe County Annex
Hunting, Wildlife & Outdoor Skills Intro Meeting	February 22, 10am, Monroe County Annex
Steer Weigh-in	February 29, 8am, Monroe Co. Fairgrounds
State 4-H Horse Judging Contest	February 29, 11am, Black Hawk College
Junior Master Gardner Club Intro Meeting	March 4, 3:30-5pm, Monroe County Annex
YQCA Livestock Training	March 19, 7pm, Madison County Fairgrounds
Baebler Farm Pollinator Garden Clean-up	March 28, 9-11:30am, Baebler Educational Farm
Shooting Sports Instructor Training	March 28, 9am-7pm, Marion, IL
Southern Regional Horse Bowl/Hippology Contests	March 28, SIU-C
YQCA Livestock Training	March 31, 7pm, Monroe County Annex
Sheep Festival and Youth Sheep/Goat Judging Contest	April 11, 9am, Monroe County Fairgrounds
State Horse Bowl/Hippology/Speaking Contest	April 18-19, U of I, Champaign, IL
YQCA Livestock Training	April 25, 1pm, Scheve Park Ag Building, Mascoutah
Nature Adventures Day	April 26, Baebler Educational Farm
Monroe County Fair	July 19-26, Monroe County Fairgrounds
IL State Fair Jr. Horse Show	July 26-Aug. 2, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield
Monroe County Exhibition Day @ IL State Fair	August 16, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield



**4-H Program Weather Policy:**

When Monroe County schools are closed due to inclement weather, county 4-H activities will be closed as well unless otherwise notified.



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If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Extension office at 618-939-3434. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

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