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MADISON COUNTY**4-H Family News**

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Visit our website:
web.extension.illinois.edu/mms

Help Grow 4-H!
Invite a friend to join!

Attention 4-H Clubs...

DON'T FORGET! Each 4-H club that maintains a treasury or holds financial assets must submit the two page Illinois 4-H Club Annual Financial Statement form along with the Illinois 4-H Treasurer's Record Book to the Extension office at the end of the 4-H year.

A fiscal review committee should be appointed annually to review the financial records of the club. The fiscal review committee should consist of three individuals who are not involved in the expenditure of funds.

The suggested make-up of the fiscal review committee is the parent, leader, and member of the club. The individuals on the fiscal review committee shall not be signatories on the bank account, nor shall they be related to those with signature authority.

As clubs elect officers, consider electing a fiscal review committee as well to conduct the end of year audit of the financials.



- Don't forget to enroll in 4-H by **FEBRUARY 1** if you want to exhibit at the county shows! If you have already enrolled, projects can still be added and/or dropped before this date.
- Enrollment is completed ONLINE at <http://il.4honline.com>.
- Emergency Medical Forms and Liability Forms are provided in your enrollment packet from your Leader. Please fill them out and return them to your Leader.
- A general reminder, you **MUST** attend at least four meetings and do a talk or demonstration at a club meeting to be eligible to exhibit a project at a county 4-H show next summer.

**4-H PROGRAM
SNOW POLICY**

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

**Monroe County Office**

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

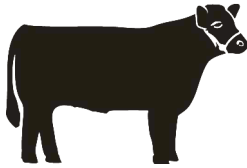
Office Hours:

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

"To Make the Best Better"

Steer Weigh-In

Saturday, February 2, 2019

9 a.m.—11 a.m.

Dennis Kusterman's home

**3637 Hill Road
Highland, IL**

Please call to register by Jan. 28, 344-4230.

Reminder!

If you or your club has something to share from a meeting, an event attended, projects in progress or anything you feel would be of interest to

other 4-H youth and families, please contact the Extension Office so that we may post in the monthly 4-H newsletter.

Send pictures with your article. THANK YOU!

ATTENTION 4-H Animal Project Members:

All 4-H members that are enrolled in **ANY animal project for the FIRST time:**

(Dog, Cat, Small Pets, Horse, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Dairy, Rabbit, Poultry) must complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)** by **May 1st**. 4-H members that do not have the training completed by the deadline will have their name removed from the animal project they had enrolled in. This will mean you cannot show for 4-H or receive 4-H premiums or awards in that project area.



You must complete the basic training plus choose one species, and complete that. You do not have to do more than one species, no matter how many you show.

The link to the QAEC training is: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Please print your certificates for your records.

(If internet access is not available, 4-H members may come to the Extension Office to complete the training, please call and set up an appointment with us at 939-3434.)

This is a one-time training and good for all your 4-H years.

**Scholarships
Available!**



Madison County 4-H Scholarships

Sponsored by Madison Co. Extension Education Foundation

The Madison County Extension Education Foundation will offer scholarships to 4-H members of Madison County. This award is to encourage and support 4-H member's attendance at a 4-H conference, camp, or other 4-H opportunities. The Foundation will be offering five half fee scholarships (each not to exceed \$100) and will reimburse the chosen applicant following attendance of the event. Individuals can apply for multiple opportunities, but will be limited to one scholarship per 4-H year.

The application and personal reference documents are on the Unit website.

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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 bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities!

Fifty- \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. 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!

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! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$260.

Just a Quick Heads Up!

- 2019 Illinois State Fair *Junior Horse Shows* are **July 22-28**.
- 2019 Illinois 4-H State *Dog Show* is **Aug. 24**

Put 4-H in the name!

Have **YOUR** idea chosen! 4-H members are invited to submit names for the restored coliseum at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Deadline to submit names is **Dec. 14!** Go to ilfairfoundation.com and click on the "Name the Coliseum Contest" flag in the upper right corner!

***Open to CURRENT ILLINOIS 4-H, FFA, and Junior Horsemen members!**



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.

Register by *January 18* at go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc.

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

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



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.

January 26 & 27, 2019

Decatur Hotel & Conference Center, 4191 W US Highway 36, Decatur

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

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Need *Ca\$h* for College?

We've got you covered!

	Description	Amount	Application Deadline	Website to Apply
Farm Credit Illinois Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school seniors planning careers in <u>agriculture</u> may apply. • Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties that they service. 	\$2,000	March 1, 2019	farmcreditiil.com
Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 scholarship available to members (HS seniors & College freshmen) who have demonstrated <i>mastery</i> in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of <u>agriculture</u>. • Members must have been involved in the livestock project a <i>minimum</i> of 3 years. • You must have been a member for <i>at least 5 years</i> and attending either a <u>4-year university</u>, <u>community college</u>, or <u>trade school</u>. 	\$1,000	March 1, 2019	go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships
Legacy of Leadership Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 scholarships available to members (HS seniors & College freshmen) who have demonstrated overall <i>mastery</i> and <i>leadership</i> in the <u>4-H program</u>. • You must have been a member for <i>at least 5 years</i> and attending either a <u>4-year university</u>, 	\$1,000	March 1, 2019	go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships
Lois Britt Memorial Pork Industry Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored by CME Group and the National Pork Industry Foundation, this scholarship provides 10 scholarships to youth pursuing a career 	\$2,500	January 4, 2019	nppc.org/programs/scholarships
Joyce Betz TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a <i>freshman</i> or <i>sophomore</i> in <u>college</u> or <u>trade school</u> during the 2019-2020 school year. • Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. 	\$500	January 1, 2019	www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html
Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a <i>freshman</i> or <i>sophomore</i> in <u>college</u> or <u>trade school</u> during the 2019-2020 school year. • Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. 	\$1,000	January 1, 2019	www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html

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Joyce Betz Memorial & TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship deadlines	January 1, 2019
Lois Britt Memorial Pork Industry Scholarship deadline	January 4, 2019
Illinois 4-H Youth Livestock Conference, Decatur Conference Center	January 26-27, 2019
Enrollment deadline to exhibit at county shows, 4-H Online	February 1, 2019
Steer Weigh-In, Dennis Kusterman's home, Highland, IL	February 2, 2019; 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Junior Leadership Conference, Champaign	February 23-24, 2019
Farm Credit Illinois, Illinois 4-H Livestock, & Legacy of Leadership Scholarship deadlines	March 1, 2019
Spaghetti Dinner	Date to be confirmed
QAEC deadline	May 1, 2019
Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington D.C.	June 8-15, 2019
Madison County Garden Tour, Edwardsville	June 14 (4:30-8:30pm); June 15, 2019 (9am-1pm)
4-H Food & Clothing Show, Madison County Farm Bureau, Edwardsville	June 29, 2019
Madison County Day @ State Fair	August 10, 2019



Congratulations to **Lynn Weis**, Military 4-H Extension Program Coordinator! Lynn retired November 30! She coordinated the only active Military 4-H program in the state at the Scott Air Force Base Youth Center, involving hundreds of youth in 4-H educational programming. The United States Department of Defense and Scott Air Force base leadership has recognized this program with honors for the high quality of educational enrichment involving military youth and family participants.

Thank you, Lynn, for your dedication to bringing innovative 4-H programming to hundreds of youth!



Enjoy a happy holiday season with your friends and family.

We extend our sincere thanks for your active involvement, support and good will throughout the year!

Pam, Rachel, Patty, Mary Kay

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Help the Madison County Extension Education Foundation turn plastic caps and lids into park benches to be donated to various locations throughout Madison County.



Acceptable Caps & Lids

Medicine bottle caps

Flip top caps (ketchup, mustard)

Hair spray caps

Ointment tube caps

Caps w/ recycle numbers of 2, 4, & 5

Cottage cheese container lids

Peanut butter jar lids

Cream cheese container lids

drink bottle caps

detergent caps

spray paint caps

deodorant caps

coffee can lids

cool whip container lids

ice cream bucket lids

milk jug caps

spout caps (mustard)

toothpaste tube caps

yogurt lids

butter container lids

mayonnaise jar lids

prescription bottles

(with labels removed)



There is also a pizza party prize for the 4-H club that collects the most pounds of caps and lids.
Be sure to label your bags with your club name.

There are multiple locations to drop off lids and caps, such as the Madison County Extension Office in Collinsville and Hamel Co-op Grain Company in Hamel, IL.

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