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**Youth Livestock Conference**



Claire Dorsey attended the Youth Livestock Conference, January 26-27 in Decatur.

Youth learned many different skills at the conference including the importance of using equipment correctly to improve herd reproduction rates, how to provide basic first aid to animals and more!

**Set Your 4-H Project Goals!**

Now that you have enrolled in your projects, it's time to set some goals. What do you want to do and learn in your projects? Make your goals challenging, but don't make them so hard you cannot reach them. Ask yourself these questions:

- What do I want to do?
- What can I learn?
- Who will help me?
- When am I going to do it?
- Where do I want this project to take me in one, two, or three years?

**WARNING:**  
**DEADLINES ARE CLOSER**  
**THAN THEY APPEAR!**

- **April 1** is the drop project deadline.
- **May 1** is the deadline for completing the QAEC training. Members who have not completed the training by that date will be dropped from ALL 4-H livestock projects & will be unable to show at county shows and/or state fair. *Please adhere to the May deadline.*
- **May 1** deadline for Horse ownership/lease forms & photos must be turned into the Extension Office.

**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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# Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

**11:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

St. John's United Methodist Church  
7372 Marine Road, Edwardsville

**\* DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT \***

Adults: \$8.00    12 & Under: \$5.00



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**BENEFITING UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION PROGRAMS**

## 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 344-4230.)

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

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# Holiday Community Service Projects

## Quercus Grove



Members of the Quercus Grove 4-H Club (pictured above) donated over 30 can goods to the Hamel Pantry, and over 60 pairs of socks and Christmas cards to Edwardsville East Nursing Home for their December Service Project!

Members of the Madison County Lucky Horseshoes 4-H Club (pictured below) prepared Blessing Bags at their club Christmas Party. Each member donated items to fill the bags and then the members filled 28 very nice bags for those in need.



## Lucky Horseshoes

## Pin Oak



Alaina G. (pictured above in the left photo) and several members (pictured right) of the Pin Oak Progressors 4-H Club helped lay wreaths at the Glen Carbon Cemetery for Wreaths Across America on December 15.

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## Grant Prairie



Grant Prairie 4-H members and their families wrapped Christmas gifts for their "Adopt a Family" recipient during their December meeting.

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## New Douglas Cloverbuds



New Douglas Cloverbud members collected goodies to gift to Staunton nursing home residents. They wrapped gifts and made cards at their meeting, and several members also delivered gifts to the residents.

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**RIVERWATCH**  
NETWORK  
NATIONAL GREAT RIVERS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER

The 2019 schedule of RiverWatch Training Workshops is out. Training workshops are hosted around the state from March-May. Workshops are for new volunteers who would like to become a certified RiverWatch citizen scientist, and also for veteran RiverWatch citizen scientists who would just like to recharge their stream monitoring skills.

To see a complete list of dates/locations and to register for a workshop, visit: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>

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Join 4-H Members and Clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 27** as part of **True Leaders in Service**. On this day, show the world how 4-H is making a difference in your community! While community service can happen all year long, if 4-H members and clubs plan to engage in service efforts before the end of April, they should plan to register their effort on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website prior to Saturday, April 27. The website opens March 1 @ <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/>. Community Service resources are available now!

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HELPING

HAND

**NOTE:** 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](http://farmcreditIL.com).

**\*Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!\***



# Illini Summer Academies

## Longer, bigger, better. See yourself at Illini Summer Academies

Spend 6 nights and 7 days on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for Illini Summer Academies. Registration opens March 1 at [go.illinois.edu/illini4H](http://go.illinois.edu/illini4H).

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 by Sept. 1, 2019. There are **17** academies to choose from and cost varies based on the track you choose! Limited scholarships are available.



## 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 so you don't need to bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$270.

**Registration will open February 4!** Don't be late. All 1,050 spaces filled up in 45 days last year!

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	Description	Amount	Application Deadline	Website to Apply
Farm Credit Illinois Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>High school seniors</b> planning careers in <u>agriculture</u> may apply.</li> <li>• Farm Credit Illinois will provide <b>30</b> scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties that they service.</li> </ul>	\$2,000	Mar. 1, 2019	<a href="http://farmcreditiil.com">farmcreditiil.com</a>
Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1</b> scholarship available to members (<b>HS seniors &amp; College freshmen</b>) who have demonstrated <i>mastery</i> in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of <u>agriculture</u>.</li> <li>• Members must have been involved in the livestock project a <i>minimum</i> of <b>3 years</b>.</li> <li>• 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>.</li> </ul>	\$1,000	Mar. 1, 2019	<a href="http://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships">go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships</a>
Legacy of Leadership Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>15</b> scholarships available to members (<b>HS seniors &amp; College freshmen</b>) who have demonstrated overall <i>mastery</i> and <i>leadership</i> in the <u>4-H program</u>.</li> <li>• 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>.</li> </ul>	\$1,000	Mar. 1, 2019	<a href="http://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships">go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships</a>
Lucille & Lester Korsmeyer 4-H Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1</b> scholarship available to a <b>high school senior</b> who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years.</li> <li>• You <b>must</b> be a <i>permanent resident</i> of <b>Madison, Monroe, or St. Clair County</b>.</li> <li>• The applicant will be chosen based on several criteria including a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, history of 4-H involvement and other school and community activities.</li> <li>• The recipient must attend either an <u>accredited four year college or university</u> or a <u>two year community college</u> in Illinois as a <i>fulltime</i> (12 hour minimum) student.</li> </ul>	\$1,000 for up to 4 years	Apr. 26, 2019	<a href="http://go.illinois.edu/KorsmeyerScholarship2019">go.illinois.edu/KorsmeyerScholarship2019</a>

# "Now this is a story of about how..."

## 4-H Public Speaking Contest Information

The *State 4-H Public Speaking Contest* will be held **June 8, 2019** in Decatur! The Public Presentation category has been updated. For additional information and the new rules, please visit:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-public-speaking-contest>

Mark your calendars because Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties' Public Speaking Contest will be held Friday, **April 5** at **7pm**. Location is TBD.

Interested members must be registered online in Fair Entry by Wednesday, March 27.

*Tell Your Story*

## February is National Black History Month

This February, we celebrate #BlackHistoryMonth. We honor the women and men who broke barriers, defined innovation, and opened doors for today's #TrueLeaders to transcend and thrive in any field!  
#InspireKidstoDo #BlackHistoryMonth



Make sure you don't have a **"Ruff"** State Fair experience...

## 2019 State Fair Junior Livestock Requirements

Don't get left out of the show ring because your animal is too old or too young. The 2019 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted online @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>.

The fact sheet is in the Resource section at the bottom of each page.



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# Quit *foaling* around!

“Saddle up” for State & Regional horse events!

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**, at 8 a.m. on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5/person.

The State 4-H *Horse Bowl* contest will be held **Sunday, April 14** at 8 a.m. on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5/entry or \$25/team.

Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H). Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Bowl or State 4-H Horse Hippology.

4-H members in our area should compete at:

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY: March 30 at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.**

Contact Elizabeth Miller, [lizmill@illinois.edu](mailto:lizmill@illinois.edu), (618) 548-1446.

The State 4-H *Horse Speaking* Contest is **Saturday, April 13** at 10 a.m. on the U of I campus. Cost is \$3 per entry.

All 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed. You must register at the Extension office by mid-March.

The State 4-H *Horse Judging* Contest will be held **Saturday, April 27** at **Black Hawk College**.

Registration = 11 a.m. • Contest = 12 p.m.

The contest is open to **ALL** 4-H members. Pick up horse judging cards signed by Extension staff from the county office.

Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H). Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Judging.

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<b>Junior Leadership Conference, Champaign</b>	February 23-24, 2019
<b>Farm Credit Illinois, Illinois 4-H Livestock, &amp; Legacy of Leadership Scholarship deadlines</b>	March 1, 2019
<b>Regional Hippology and Horse Bowl Contests; Carbondale</b>	March 30, 2019
<b>Drop Project Deadline; 4-H Online</b>	April 1, 2019
<b>Unit-wide Public Speaking Contest, location TBD</b>	April 5, 2019; 7pm
<b>Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser</b>	April 6, 2019; 11:30 am-6:00pm
<b>State 4-H Hippology &amp; Horse Speaking contests, Champaign</b>	April 13, 2019
<b>State 4-H Horse Bowl contest, Champaign</b>	April 14, 2019
<b>Korsmeyer Scholarship Deadline</b>	April 26, 2019
<b>4-H National Day of Service</b>	April 27, 2019
<b>State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Blackhawk College</b>	April 27, 2019
<b>QAEC deadline</b>	May 1, 2019
<b>4-H Day with the Cardinals</b>	May 11, 2019; postmarked by April 1
<b>Madison County Garden Tour, Edwardsville</b>	June 14 (4:30-8:30pm); June 15, 2019 (9am-1pm)
<b>Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington D.C.</b>	June 8-15, 2019
<b>Illini Summer Academies, Champaign</b>	June 23-29, 2019
<b>4-H Food &amp; Clothing Show, Madison County Farm Bureau, Edwardsville</b>	June 29, 2019
<b>General Project Judging, Madison County Fair</b>	July 22, 2019
<b>Madison County Fair 4-H Livestock Shows</b>	July 24-28, 2019
<b>Fashion Revue, Madison County Fair</b>	July 26, 2019
<b>Madison County Day @ State Fair</b>	August 10, 2019




**HAPPY**  
*Valentine's*  
**DAY** 



# Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



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**Saturday, April 6**

11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**St. John's United Methodist Church**  
**7372 Marine Road, Edwardsville**

Meal includes:

All You Can Eat Spaghetti,  
salad, bread, beverage, dessert

*\*Dine In or Carry Out\**

**\$8.00 - Adults    \$5.00 - 12 & under**

*Sponsored by: Madison County Extension Education Foundation. Working in cooperation with the University of Illinois Extension in Madison County, (344-4230) to generate funding for educational programming for county residents in the areas of home and commercial horticulture, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists and 4-H programs.*

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