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**MADISON COUNTY****4-H Family News**

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**It's Enrollment Time!**

- Have you enrolled yet in 4-H on-line?  
 If not, please visit the website: <https://il.4honline.com>
- In order to show at the county fair in July...**ALL** enrollment, including new members and current members **MUST** be completed by **FEBRUARY 1, 2019**.  
 \*Additional projects may NOT be added after this date.
- Don't forget! You **MUST attend at least four meetings and do a talk or demonstration** at a club meeting to be eligible to show a project at a county 4-H show next summer.



*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!**

**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.

**Scholarships  
 Available!**

**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"**

The Pin Oak Progressors 4-H Club promoted 4-H at the Edwardsville High School's Homecoming parade, October 10.

(pictured right)



The Grant Prairie 4-H Club had a Family Fun Day during National 4-H Week where all members, their families and one friend were invited to a meal and activities at the park. Activities included volleyball, kickball, an inflatable bounce house, human foosball, and a kids vs. adults softball game.

(Pictured above and below).





### 4-H PROJECT MATERIALS

4-H Project Materials for this 4-H year will continue to be at the expense of the 4-H member. When project materials arrive in the office, an invoice will be prepared for each 4-H member and a club invoice will also be available for the leader.

Payment can be made at the time of pick up by either the member or the leader or it can be mailed to the office within two weeks. 4-H member is not officially enrolled in the project until payment is received.

Project materials can also be shared amongst members to deter the cost.

**Please contact your leader with questions.**

## It's NEVER too early to start thinking about QAEC!

All 4-H members that are enrolled in ANY animal project:

(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 of your 4-H years.*



***Pictured right:*** Grant Prairie members volunteering in the soda stand at the Fall Festival in Grantfork.





## 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost is \$160.

Registration will open in November at [go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc).

### Apply for national award

Are you a middle or high school student making a difference through volunteering? Apply today for national recognition, monetary awards, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.!

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honors students in grades 5-12 for making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. The deadline to apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards in November 6.

Learn more and apply online @ [spirit.prudential.com/apply/2019](http://spirit.prudential.com/apply/2019).



Many say it's the best trip of their 4-H career. Join us for Citizenship Washington Focus! The national conference is open to 4-H members age 14-18 by May 1, 2019. The trip is June 8-15.

Find out more and register to attend NOW at [go.illinois.edu/4HCWF](http://go.illinois.edu/4HCWF)

### Scholarships honor 4-H club leader

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.

*Two separate opportunities available:*

The \$500 TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship & \$1,000 Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship

Each 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>.

### 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](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock)

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## 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.

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

## 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 our own cooking and cleaning. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms.



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](http://4hhouse.com) or contact Interviewing Chair, Madison Wilson, at [4hhouseinterview@gmail.com](mailto:4hhouseinterview@gmail.com).

## 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 @ <https://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 others' lives.

**Need some inspiration to visit the site?** Youth Engaged 4 Change wants to hear from youth ages 10-24 to learn more about what big decisions they face in their daily lives. As you enter your comments about **"What big decisions are you facing right now?"** you'll be registered for a contest.

**The top three entrants will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.**

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Illinois 4-H Youth Livestock Conference, Decatur Conference Center	January 26-27, 2019
Enrollment deadline to show at county shows, 4-H Online	February 1, 2019
Junior Leadership Conference, Champaign	February 23-24, 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



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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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