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# MONROE COUNTY 4-H Family News



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## HAVE YOU ENROLLED

## IN 4-H FOR 2019-2020 YET?



ALL enrollment, including new members and current members MUST be completed by **FEBRUARY 1, 2020** to be eligible to exhibit at county 4-H shows next summer.

1. Your enrollment packet should be obtained from your 4-H leader.
2. Pick out your new project(s) for the year and re-enroll in 4-H Online at <https://il.4honline.com>. Do NOT pay online program fee—this is covered by working in the 4-H Concession Stand at the Fair. \*New members after 2017 that live outside of the county are subject to an additional \$10 fee—paid to the Extension office.
3. Sign your Agreement to Assume Risk and Release from Liability form and return to your leader.

Enrollment is not finalized until everything is complete.

Additional projects may NOT be added after Feb. 1.

# Harvest Night Thank You!



Federation Members helping with cakes

Friends of Extension extend a sincere **thank you** to individuals and organizations for their support to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Night!

The Friends of Extension and the Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation work diligently to continue this event to support local programming.

Thank you for your dedication to help keep Monroe County Extension financially strong for youth and adult programming!

A big **thank you** to the Monroe County 4-H Federation and Clover Friends 4-H Club members for their help with Harvest Night this year and every year!



Clover Friends 4-H Club

**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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## **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.

**March 31, 7p.m., Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo**

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>

Log into your 4-H Online account.

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

Choose their 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 your local Extension office.

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

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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/>

## **2018 4-H Premium Checks**

You should have received your **2018 4-H Premium check** from your leader by this time if you exhibited a 4-H project in **2018**.

If you have not received your check from the 2018 shows please contact your club as soon as possible.

The check was issued in August, so please cash it immediately.

We apologize for the inconvenience, but checks that have been misplaced or not cashed within the bank's allotted timeframe **will not** be reissued.



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*Celebrating her career of University of Illinois Extension leadership*

## RETIRMENT PARTY

(42 years, 10+ months of service)

*honoring*

### PAMELA JACOBS

SUNDAY | JANUARY 12, 2020

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

*5:00 pm Presentation and Remarks*

*Light Refreshments*

MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS—FINE ARTS BUILDING  
4177 ILLINOIS HWY 156, WATERLOO

Recognition gifts should be made to:

*Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation*  
(PO Box 117, Waterloo, IL 62298)

*Cards with memory stories are appreciated*



## 43 Years of Dedication to Monroe County...

On February 9, 1977, Pamela (Auld) Jacobs was interviewed for the **4-H Youth Adviser** position in Monroe County. She had been an active 4-H member in Washington County and learned of Extension positions from current staff. At that time, the Monroe County Joint Extension Councils members included: Willard Kleyer, Richard Woodcock, Virginia Mueller, Pat Rehmer, Norene Reeves, Laverne Whelan, Don Schrader, Lyle Hoffmann, Stephen Hoeffft, Mrs. Theodore Ruff, Mrs. Steingrudy and Rosemary Yaekel. The Extension Advisers were: Arlin

Obst and Martha Malmberg and the Regional Director was Glen Sons. According to the minutes, Pam received the most votes and it was approved for her to be hired into the 4-H Youth Adviser position. She began in the position on **February 21, 1977**.

Pam provided leadership to the Monroe County 4-H program until **1992**, during an Extension reorganization, when she applied and was offered the **Unit Leader** position after the Monroe County Extension referendum was successfully passed.

During another Extension reorganization, Pam was offered the **County Extension Director** for the new Unit 22 which was formed of Monroe, Madison and St. Clair counties. She will complete her Extension career, December 31, 2019.

During her Extension career, Pam has experienced great joys, sadness, achievements, vast opportunities and the very best support and friendship from colleagues and volunteers! It has been a wonderful career and she offers *thanks* to everyone! (Continued...)

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*Some great memories that Pam holds...*

- In the summer of **1977**, she assisted at the **Illinois State Fair** in 4-H Department for a week. Lodging was in Jr. Home Economics building in a large room with many bunk beds, no air conditioning, showers with wooden slats and foggy mirrors. Even after that experience she still returned to the State Fair *many times*, helping with a variety of 4-H responsibilities. It was heart-warming for her to watch county 4-H members proudly exhibit award winning projects.
- Thousands of people have seen Pam's face in the **4-H Concession Stand at the Monroe County Fair** over the years, making fun memories working with 4-H members dip and sell ice cream and make sno-cones. Early in her career, she and the Home Economics Adviser **made gallons and gallons of the sno-cone syrup!** It was only available as flavoring so they stirred bags and bags of sugar in boiling water to turn it into the syrup!
- In **1984**, she worked with an Extension Agriculture Adviser to establish the county **4-H Beef Premiere program**...the same program that exists in Monroe County today.
- During the early days, Extension Office was on the second floor of the Farm Bureau building located on West Mill Street. Staff and volunteers carried tables, program supplies and more up and down the **19 steps!** They even held 4-H Halloween events in the scary basement of the building.
- She drove a **van full of 4-H members** to Lawrence, Kansas for **4-H Exchange trip**.
- She spent time working with great volunteers on the **Extension tax referendum** which was passed in **March 1992**.
- During the **Great Flood of 1993**, the County, State and Federal Emergency Management Service was located in the meeting room on the second floor of the Mill Street Extension office. Many local people stood in line on the steps to receive flood recovery assistance. Monroe County Extension was an active partner with local agencies to offer activities and events to flood affected youth and we established the first after school youth program at Valmeyer School.
- In September of **1996**, Pam and staff **moved the Extension Office into the new County Annex**, 901 IL. Ave., Waterloo
- When the county had a **4-H Swine Premiere Program**, Pam weighed pigs on farm sites. She made sure to schedule these visits at the end of the day so she did not return to the office to share the odor from her clothing.
- She has enjoyed with the dedicated Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation board members and Friends of Extension on 12 years of **Harvest Night** fundraising to support 4-H programs, scholarships, Baebler Educational Farm development, Master Gardener and Master Naturalist programs and more. She gives a special thanks to Monroe Co. families and businesses for great support!
- For many years, she served as a chaperone to **4-H Camp** held at West Frankfort, IL. She even attended this 4-H Camp as a Washington County 4-H member!
- She also served as a chaperone to **National 4-H** in Chicago. It was a great honor for her to be with national 4-H awardees.
- Pam has **served University of Illinois Extension** in many leadership capacities, lending to many trips to and from the U of I Campus in Champaign.

Throughout her **nearly 43 years of service** to Monroe County, Pam has enjoyed watching 4-H members grow into successful careers and become active community members, with many becoming volunteers to 4-H programs. She has had the pleasure of hiring great 4-H alumni college students to assist with summer programming and working with great staff and volunteers through the years!

Pam is very proud of Monroe Co. 4-H and we are **thankful to all of her dedication** in building up the 4-H program and other Extension programs throughout her years of service.

*We will miss you!*

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# "Lucky" 4-H Quilt Comes Full Circle



In 1984, the Lucky 4-H Club wanted to do a unique fundraiser to raise money for their club.

Club leader, Debbie Eckart, and her mother, Marie Lich, made a 4-H quilt for the club to raffle off.

Members sold chances for the quilt which was adorned with green clovers. Karla (Kinzinger) Schwehr sold a "lucky" chance to Janet Schneider, whose name was drawn as the winner of the quilt.

Thirty-four years later, as Janet was downsizing and moving out of her home, she and her daughter, Carolyn Sabo, came across the 4-H quilt.

The two decided to donate it to the Extension office and the quilt was put into the live auction at the November 16, 2019 Harvest Night Dinner Auction.

Coincidentally, Debbie Eckert (now a 40 year leader of the Lucky 4-H Club), was attending the Harvest Night fundraiser, and noticed that the quilt looked familiar.

She bid on it and was the top bidder, bringing the quilt back to her after all of that time.

Debbie and Janet recently met and reminisced about the history of the 4-H quilt, which truly came full circle.



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# Welcome to 4-H Workshop

**JANUARY 27, 2020**

**7:00pm**

**Monroe County Annex**



Open to NEW (and returning) 4-H members and parents who want to know more about...

- ◆ Enrollment and Program Fee/Concession Stand
- ◆ Projects and Shows
- ◆ Where to find things on the Extension website
- ◆ Who to ask for help

**Attendance Prizes!!!**

**REGISTER: 939-3434**

## 7th Grade Agriscience Roadshow

Seventh grade students at Valmeyer, Columbia and Waterloo schools recently participated in a science experiment: "The Bread Dough Challenge" as a kick-off to the yearly 7th Grade Agriscience Roadshow.

Students learned how to use the scientific method by making bread dough with different variables, and are now invited to participate in their own AgriScience project. Their projects will be judged at their respective schools with the opportunity to advance to compete at the county-level.

This program is sponsored by *University of Illinois Extension, Monroe County Farm Bureau and Ag in the Classroom.*



## 4-H Science Clubs

Junior high students at Waterloo and St. Peter & Paul Schools have been actively participating in the after-school 4-H Science Clubs that re-started in September. The clubs meet once per month at their respective schools and participate in a variety of STEM activities, such as learning about DNA & genetics, plant science, making circuits and dissecting worms.

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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

### IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility can be found at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions. Students can apply between now and February 1, 2020. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions. As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, our Mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. We proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture, and those with family farming backgrounds.

### 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. 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 ag education!

### TEACH OUTDOOR SCHOLARSHIP

A \$500 Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 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>.

### JOYCE BETZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 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>. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County.



## 4-H House Cooperative Sorority

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 2020. 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. Their values are philanthropy, recreation, 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.

## 2020 Junior Leadership Conference

**Conference Date: Feb. 22-23, 2020**

**Conference location:** Keller Convention Center, Effingham, Illinois

**Open to:** any 4-H member in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**Cost:** \$170 (includes hotel room [2 participants/room, 2 beds/room], t-shirt, plus all meals and activities)

**Registration deadline: January 24, 2020**

Registration is limited to the first 100 youths who register.

Participants are encouraged to register early as this conference usually reaches capacity before the registration deadline.

**How to register:** [go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc)



## 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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### Nominations open for 2020 Salute to Excellence Volunteer awards

The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteer who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. The two categories for nominations are:

**Volunteer of the Year** – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region and state level

**Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer** – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nominations are due to the County Office by **December 20, 2019** which will allow us to meet the *Thursday, January 9, 2020* submission deadline set by the State 4-H Office. Submission criteria is available at the Extension Office.



For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H members have traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus, a life-changing week that empowers 4-H'ers to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities. The trip is **July 4 – 11, 2020**. You must be *at least 14* by **May 1, 2020**. During the week, you will explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, give your voice on issues, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2020 cost is estimated to be \$1,305, with financial assistance being provided from the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

### Be a true leader in service...

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. Find resources @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice). Later in 2020, you can register your projects there!



### Save the Date: Illinois State Fair

The 4-H General Project Show for Monroe County will be Sunday, August 16.

### 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)

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| Christmas Holidays-Office Closed                             | December 24– January 1   |
| Winter 4-H Leader Training                                   | January 11, 9a.m.– noon, Monroe County Annex                       |
| County Director-Pamela Jacobs Retirement Party               | January 12, 2-6p.m., Monroe County Fairgrounds, Fine Arts Building |
| Welcome to 4-H Workshop                                      | January 27, 7p.m., Monroe County Annex                             |
| Enrollment deadline in 4-H online to exhibit at County shows | February 1   |
| YQCA Livestock Training                                      | March 31, 7p.m., Monroe County Annex                               |
| 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 6, 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.

*Enjoy a happy holiday season with your friends and family.*

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

*Pam, Rachel, Kelly, Sarah, Mary Kay, Paige*



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