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MONROE COUNTY

NEW COUNTY DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

Laguitsha Bejoile-Hayes has accepted the Unit 22 County Director position, serving Madison, Monroe & St. Clair counties. Laquitsha is a Cahokia native and graduated from University of Illinois-Springfield with a Master's in Public Health. She began her public health career at Eastside Health District, where she served in various roles and gained experience in program leadership and budget management. She developed a passion for improving health outcomes in underserved communities. She transitioned to University of Illinois Extension in 2016 as an Extension Program Coordinator for ISBE, then SNAP Education. Most recently, she has served as the ENFEP Educator and SNAP-Ed Administrator in Unit 22. Laquitsha is also a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated, an organization that works to better the lives of women and their families worldwide. Laquitsha's County Extension Director appointment began on October 17.

An open house welcoming Laquitsha will take place from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Avenue, Waterloo.







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4-H Program Coordinator *Kelly Brandt*

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2022-2023 4-H ENROLLMENT

We're excited to announce that registration is OPEN now for the 2022-23 4-H year!

All 4-H families and volunteers will need to create a new household account in the new <u>ZSuite</u> enrollment system and add profiles for their participating family members (youth and adult volunteers.)

Learn how to enroll here: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info

Be sure to check out all of the exciting project options before enrolling: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/project



4-H PROJECT BOOKS

Do you need a book to learn more about your 4-H project?

Please review project book options for your project here: https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop

Click on this link to request books: https://go.illinois.edu/4-HProjectBookOrder

Enter the names of the book(s) you are requesting for each child. You may request up to three publications which are included with your enrollment. Additional publications will be at your expense.

4-H staff will order books 1x/month. You will be notified when they arrive at the Extension office, where they can be picked up.

There is no fee for up to 3 books (this is covered by the Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation). You will be responsible for any additional book order costs.

For any projects that have books with "levels", we recommend staying in a project "level" for 2-3 years before moving up to the next level.

Please contact your leader or Kelly Brandt, 4-H Program Coordinator at kmbrandt@illinois.edu or 939-3434 with questions.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



We kicked off National 4-H Week on October 3 at the Monroe County Courthouse with the signing of a proclamation with the County Board Members declaring 4-H week in Monroe County. Three of the 4-H Federation Officers, **Cal Sutter, Erin Halleran** and **Chet Sutter** attended with 4-H Program Coordinator, Kelly Brandt and 4-H Youth Development Educator, Emily Reece.



THANK YOU to

Mike's Convenience Store in Valmeyer
for helping to promote 4-H Week with
stickers on their drinks and pizzas!





GREAT JOB to Moonlight Boys and Girls Club for painting a window at Waterloo Rural King in Honor of 4-H Week!

4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

As we begin the new 4-H year, please remember that in order to show projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least 4 meetings during the year
- Give a talk or demonstration
- Enroll in 4-H online by January 1, 2023.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June or July Club meeting prior to the county fair.

LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

Record Books should be shown to/signed by your leader at your May, June or July club meeting prior to the fair. (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)

The PDF versions of the books are found here:

https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord

They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print it off and fill it in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here:

https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord Guide to help you through the process of filling the book out.

Books are due to the Extension office by September 15, 2023 for evaluation.

4-H FAMILY HANDBOOK

Need to know more about

- Project selection
- 4-H Shows
- Member expectations
- Livestock requirements
- Where to go for questions

Check out the Monroe County 4-H Handbook: https://go.illinois.edu/FamilyHandbook





CLOVERBUDS

The County Cloverbud group held their first meeting in October with the theme of "Welcome to 4-H." Members participated in activities that taught them the 4-H pledge and that the H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands & Health.





4-H TEEN FEDERATION

The 4-H teen Federation club hosted a New Member Meeting at Baebler Educational Farm in October. Participants roasted marshmallows & hot dogs and collected toilet paper for the House of Neighborly Service. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3 at the Monroe Co. Fairgrounds.



SCIENCE CLUB

The Waterloo and Valmeyer Jr. High Science Clubs started off their year learning about engineering making pumpkin elevators and environmental science with an EcoBot lesson.





KID'S COOKING CLUB

Third through fifth grade students from Waterloo, Valmeyer, Columbia and Millstadt have joined together as members of the Kids Cooking Club. Sessions are held monthly at the Monroe County Annex and include lessons on food preparation, food safety, food selection and food science. In preparation for Halloween, participants prepared Zombie Juice and Dirt Cake at their first meeting on October 18th.





JR. LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership
Conference (JLC) was held on
October 15-16 in Decatur. JLC is a
fun-filled event which provides
junior high 4-H members (7th &
8th grades) a look into
opportunities in Illinois 4-H and
helps start their leadership
journey. Members gain skills
related to 4-H projects and
leadership, such as
communication, decision making,
and teamwork while engaging in
hands-on activities.



Four Monroe County 4-H members attended JLC: Natalie Finke (Clover Friends), Elizabeth Koch (Backyard Bandits), Amelia Guebert (Clover Friends) and Avery Cope (Backyard Bandits).







Junior Leadership Conference was hosted by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, of which our own **Janella Neary** is a part of!

HARVEST NIGHT DINNER AUCTION: NOVEMBER 19

Harvest Night is a special event designed and conducted to support Monroe County Extension programming in all areas including 4-H, Nutrition, Conservation & Environment, Gardening, Agriculture and more with both youth and adult audiences. It also supports a variety of outdoor education at Baebler Educational Farm. We invite you to join with friends to enjoy the delicious meal and fellowship at the 15th Annual Harvest Night!

Please contact the Extension office at 618-939-3434 for reservation information.



HARVEST NIGHT CAKES AND MORE CAKES!

The dessert at Harvest Night is delicious cake. We need 50 layer cakes to serve the participants. Your help to provide a layer cake or two would be greatly appreciated!

The most popular varieties include: German Chocolate, Red Velvet, Carrot, White with a filling, Angel food both white and chocolate, Italian Cream, Chocolate, Banana, Oatmeal. It is great when the cake and icing are homdmade from your favorite recipe; however, cake mixes are available at the Extension Office for you to use. We just ask you enhance the cake with a special icing/filling to create a delicious cake.

Please contact Lisa Mormann at 618-444-5544 or Pam Jacobs at 618-604-3549 with questions and to let us know you are willing to provide a layer cake. Cakes can be brought to the Saturday, November 19, evening event held at the Hecker Community Center or brought to the Extension Office on Friday, November 18 by 4 p.m.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• November 3 7:00 p.m. Federation Meeting, Monroe County Fairgrounds

• November 6 6:30 p.m. Achievement Program, Monroe County Annex

November 8 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED: Election Day

November 19 Harvest Night Dinner Auction, Hecker Community Center

November 24-25 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED: Thanksgiving Holiday

• December 8 3:30 p.m. County Director Open House, Monroe County Annex

• December 23-30 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED: Christmas Holiday

January 2 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED: New Year Holiday





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