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ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H Family News



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Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Unit*

Welcome to 4-H!



Let's give a big warm welcome to Amy Cope, our new University of Illinois Extension County Director.



4-H Weather Policy:

When St. Clair County schools are closed due to inclement weather, county 4-H activities will be cancelled unless otherwise notified.



Amy started with us on January 21, 2020.

Amy holds a Master's Degree in Organizational Communications and a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture/ Agriculture Business. Her work history includes experience with Farm Business/Farm Management, Bunge North America and most recently, Bayer.

Amy is familiar with Extension having served as a 4-H Leader and a Unit Advisory Council member.

Monroe County Office

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Office Hours:

Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
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Madison-St. Clair County Branch Office

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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 a class taught by a local veterinarian.

There will be 3 options for face to face training, please register as soon as possible:

- **March 19, 7pm, Madison County Fairgrounds Expo Bldg. 2025 Parkhill Dr, Highland**
 - **March 31, 7pm, Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo**
 - **April 25, 1pm, Scheve Park Ag Building, 905 Park Dr., Mascoutah**
- Please arrive 30 minutes early to check in.**

There is a **\$3 fee** for YQCA to certify *each year* if you exhibit one of the above livestock species.

TO REGISTER: Go to <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

Sign in with 4H online and then select Illinois 4-H Youth Development.

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

If you are unable to attend one of the face to face trainings, you will take the YQCA training online following the same directions as above but selecting online training for \$12.

Please contact the Extension office if this is the option you are using.

Please complete by May 1.



IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN 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.

Holiday Community Service Projects



Creative Critters 4-H Club selected to pick one Sunday each month to support the Humane Society's program "Read to Animals" for youth.



Pictured from November are (left to right) Jasmin Brown, Oliver Brown, Calli Lowrance, Athalia Swaim, Julie-Anne Erickson, Zayna Swaim, and Katie Lowrance.

Creative Critters 4-H Club also helped with the annual Mascoutah Community Thanksgiving Meal by helping with early morning preparations coordinated out of St. John's United Church of Christ. The program involved volunteers from the entire community who delivered a traditional Thanksgiving meal to families and individuals who might not otherwise have a meal on this day.



Pictured are Andee Erickson and Cassandra Schieding (back row); Kimberly Palmieri, Julie-Anne Erickson, Katie Lowrance, and Calli Lowrance (front row).





Creative Critters 4-H club had a paper quilling workshop at their December meeting. Andee (pictured left) did a wonderful job of teaching this very fun crafting skill. The club members plan on taking this project to the Show-A-Rama this summer.



Town & Country 4-H club hosted their awards ceremony and potluck at their December meeting (above).

They also picked up items that they had previously painted at Pottery Hollow (below).

Great job on your artwork 4-H'ers!



Club Corner

This page will allow us to share ideas between our counties in order to learn from each other. I will highlight 1-2 clubs each month so be sure to send me your activities and photographs.



At their January meeting, the Marine Stars Jr. Ag. and Cloverbuds learned the importance of sending Thank You letters to the Farm Bureau (above).

They also discussed several fun ideas for using their 4-H funds this year, including purchasing one of the recycled benches that 4-H collected bottle caps for.



It's "udderly" amazing...

The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is Saturday, February 29 at Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center. Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Teams of 4 may compete or individuals can be added to other groups to form a team. County Extension staff must register participants before February 14 so call 618-344-4230 today!

Stop "horsing" around and show what you know!

4-H Horse Bowl

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine subject matter in a friendly, competitive setting. The contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school.

Have fun with friends while you study and compete as a team.

go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl

4-H Horse Hippology

In this fun, competitive contest, put your equine knowledge to the test.

Categories include anatomy, disease, breeds, breed history, color, and patterns.

go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology

4-H Horse Speaking

4-H horse speaking contests help you gain self-confidence, courage, and persuasiveness, share ideas with others, and develop the ability to speak in public to inform others about the horse industry and the 4-H horse project.

go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking

4-H Horse Judging

4-H horse judging contests challenge youth to evaluate and rank horses from highest to lowest quality based on the horses' breed characteristics, conformation, and performance.

go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging

Explore a Future in Agriculture



Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Apply online at <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>. Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.



Organization	Information	Amount	Deadline	Website
Garden Club of Illinois	One-year scholarships are available to juniors, seniors and graduate students pursuing a Master's Degree related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture.	\$4,500	Mar. 15, 2020	www.gardenclubsofillinois.org
Farm Credit Illinois	One-year scholarships are available to high school seniors with agricultural career aspirations, planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall. *The U of I College of ACES offers a full \$2,000 scholarship match to 2019 Farm Credit Illinois Ag. Scholars who enroll	\$2,000	Feb. 28, 2020	www.farmcreditIL.com



College students can put their 4-H experience to work while they develop their professional skills in youth development, group facilitation, critical thinking, and program management as a Project Youth

Extension Service intern. Project YES! interns provide educational activities for youth of military families.

This is a 12-month internship for college juniors, seniors, and graduate students and runs June 2020-May 2020. Interns must attend the mandatory orientation, currently scheduled for May 22-30, 2020 as well as additional training throughout the year.

Applications will be accepted through February 29.
Apply at www.projectyouthextension.com.



Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 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 at go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice.

Send the pictures from your community service projects to angielyn@illinois.edu so we can FILL the newsletter with them!

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Speaking for Illinois 4-H

We're looking for 4-H members, 14 years of age or older, who are interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. The day-long training provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. The first

training took place on February first, but another training is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling. Once you are trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol. You can register at go.illinois.edu/sfi4H. The \$12 fee covers the cost of lunch and supplies.

Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are

separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers.

Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield.

Nominations are due February 21.



Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete the online application at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/volunteerism/volunteers/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>

JOANN



Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.



2020 4-H Family Spirit Award

The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. **Nominations are due May 1.**

<https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award>

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will be 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

Week 5: July 26-30



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. 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 Any Davis at ardavis1@illinois.edu or call 217-762-2741.

Create a Winning Video...



The World of 7 Billion video contest challenges you to think critically about some of the planets most pressing issues and to come up with solutions. Share what you've learned in a 60-second video. The contest is currently open for the 2019-2020 school year. The contest is open to all middle and high school students worldwide.

The deadline for submissions is February 27, 2020.

Up to \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to 80 student winners.

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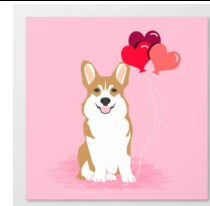
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4-H Livestock Clinic, Altamont	February 8, 2020
DEADLINE: Governor's Volunteer Service Award Applications	February 21, 2020
Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham	February 22-23, 2020
St. Clair County Trivia Night, Ag Bldg, Mascoutah	February 22, 2020
DEADLINE: World of 7 Billion Video Contest	February 27, 2020
DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship	February 28, 2020
DEADLINE: Project Y.E.S.	February 29, 2020
State 4-H Dairy Quiz Contest, East Peoria	February 29, 2020
JOANN Clovers for Kids Campaign	March 1, 2020-April 30, 2020
Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference, Decatur	March 6, 2020
Taste of the Area Fundraiser	March 12, 2020
DEADLINE: Garden Club of Illinois Scholarship	March 15, 2020
Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Sterling	March 21, 2020
Drop Project Deadline; 4-H Online	April 1, 2019
Central Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest	April 4, 2020
State 4-H Horse Speaking & Hippology Contests, Champaign	April 18, 2020
State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign	April 19, 2020
National 4-H Day of Service	April 25, 2020
DEADLINE: Family Spirit Award Nominations	May 1, 2020
DEADLINE: YQCA & QAEC	May 1, 2020
State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington	May 9, 2020
Week 1: 4-H Memorial Camp	June 2-6, 2020
Week 2: 4-H Memorial Camp	June 7-11, 2020
State Livestock Judging Contest	June 15, 2020
Week 3: 4-H Memorial Camp	June 15-18, 2020
Illini Summer Academies	June 21-26, 2020
Citizenship Washington Focus	July 4-11, 2020
Week 4: 4-H Memorial Camp	July 5-9, 2020
4-H Show at Turkey Hill Grange	July 18, 2020
Week 5: 4-H Memorial Camp	July 26-30, 2020
Illinois State Junior Horse Show, Springfield	July 26-August 2, 2020
St.Clair County 4-H Livestock Area Set-Up	July 29, 2020
Show-A-Rama	July 30, 2020
St. Clair Livestock Shows	July 31, 2020-August 2, 2020



♥ **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY ♥



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4-H Livestock Clinic

• 2020 POULTRY & RABBIT •

Join us for and learn all the tips and tricks that you will need to know for your show day! Feel free to bring your own rabbit or poultry species and

Mike will help you with any questions you might have!

This event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team and our presenter for the day is Mike Claypool.



Free Pre- registration at:
go.illinois.edu/LATclinic



FEBRUARY
8TH
9am-11am

Effingham County Fair Grounds
722 E Cumberland Rd
Altamont, Il 62411
contact: Dan Jennings 815-218-4358

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Extension office.
Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.
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JOIN US AT
“TASTE OF THE AREA FUNDRAISER”

Thursday, March 12, 2020

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Regency Conference Center

400 Regency Park, O’Fallon

\$25.00 Donation

Preferred Advance Ticket Sales by cash or check

Tickets at door payable with cash, check or credit card

(Call 618-939-3434 for reservations and more information)



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Family TRIVIA? Night

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Saturday, February 22, 2020

Doors Open at 6 pm * Games Begin at 7 pm

Agricultural Building in Scheve Park

905 Park Drive

Mascoutah, IL 62258

\$100 - Per Table of 8

Includes ages 5 and up
Children under 5 are free

Register Today!

Bring Your Own Snacks

Soda & Water available for purchase

****Outside Beverages are NOT ALLOWED****

Mulligans available for purchase

Silent Auction

Raffle Drawing

PLEASE CALL 939-3434 OR EMAIL mkrahn@illinois.edu

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