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# ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H Family News



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**Visit our website:**  
[web.extension.illinois.edu/mms](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mms)

If you have not enrolled for the 2019-2020 4-H year, please do so as soon as possible. In order to be covered under the 4-H insurance you must be enrolled in 4-H online.

<https://il.4honline.com>



If you have enrollment questions please contact the Extension Office.

## St. Clair County Steer Weigh-In

- ♦ Date: Saturday, February 8, 2020
- ♦ Time: 8-11 a.m.
- ♦ Place: 4-H Ag. Building  
 (Scheve Park, Mascoutah, IL)
- ♦ RSVP by: Monday, February 3, 2020  
 @ 618-344-4230



The St. Clair County Farm Bureau will pay half of the membership fees for all youth. Please make sure you THANK them for their generosity.

1478 East State Rt. 15  
 P.O. Box 547  
 Belleville, IL 62222  
 618-233-6800

**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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## St. Clair Achievement Program



Animal Science Award  
*Brooklyn Benson &  
Kevin Kapelski*



Engineering &  
Technology Award  
*Kevin Kapelski*



Food, Nutrition, &  
Health Award  
*Caleb Kinzinger &  
Brooklyn Benson*



Home & Family Award  
*Jeremy Kinzinger*



Plants & Soils Award  
*Ashley Beisiegel &  
Brooklyn Benson*



Livestock Record Book Award  
*Caleb Kinzinger, Jeremy  
Kinzinger & Kevin Kapelski*



## St. Clair Achievement Program



National I Dare You  
Leadership Award

*Caleb Kinzinger & Sophia Seibert*



Top Club Secretary  
Record

*Cloe Haas*



Illinois Holstein-Friesian  
Association Award

*Cloe Haas*



### This is what Leadership looks like!

All of these amazing Leaders  
deserve a round of applause  
for helping our Youth  
become future Leaders!

Thank you for taking that  
SPARK that you see inside of  
our 4-H'ers and making it  
explode into a fabulous  
fireworks display.



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## Livestock Boosters of St. Clair County T-shirt Contest

Help the Boosters with their new t-shirt design! The Livestock Boosters are looking for 4-H club members from around the county to design an emblem for their new shirts.

The design should include the name "Livestock Boosters of St. Clair County". Since the Livestock Boosters is an independent organization, the 4-H Clover cannot be included in the design.

Mail Submissions to:

**Tori DeClercq**  
605 Phil Kate Circle  
Freeburg, IL

Email Submissions to:

[toriwall27@gmail.com](mailto:toriwall27@gmail.com)

Questions?

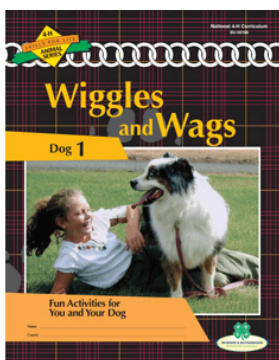
Tori DeClercq at 618-795-2699



Deadline for submissions will be December 31, 2019.

(Submissions mailed must be postmarked by 12/31/19)

Last year's winning design is to the left.



If you have any old publications that you would like to share with another 4-H youth, please consider donating them to the Extension office. We

have a small supply of *FREE* publications thanks to the Turkey Hill Busy Bees club that are available for use. We will keep a small lending library here so feel free to check with us prior to purchasing any publications.

**The Paper Clover Campaign  
brought in \$454 from the Belleville  
TSC location.**

**Thank you to everyone who came  
out to support!**







Turkey Hill Busy Bees had a lot of crafting going on to prepare for their holiday party. They made 4-H ornaments, decorative plates, and door hangers.

(pictured at right)

The Cloverbuds had fun learning all about ants and making their own ants out of toothpicks, marshmallows and pipe cleaners.

(pictured at left)



### 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.



Members of the New Ideal 4-H Club in Mascoutah recently made 250 napkin rings at one of their club meetings to be used for the community Thanksgiving dinner. Great job 4-H'ers! They turned out wonderfully.



| Organization                       | Information  | Amount  | Deadline      | Website  |
|------------------------------------|--|---------|---------------|--|
| National Garden Club               | 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.  | \$4,000 | Feb. 1, 2020  | <a href="http://www.gardenclub.org">www.gardenclub.org</a>                               |
| 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 | <a href="http://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org">www.gardenclubsofillinois.org</a>         |
| 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.<br><br>*The U of I College of ACES offers a full \$2,000 scholarship match to 2019 Farm Credit Illinois Ag. Scholars who enroll full-time in the College of ACES . | \$2,000 | Feb. 28, 2020 | <a href="http://www.farmcreditIL.com">www.farmcreditIL.com</a>                           |
| 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.  | \$500   | Jan. 1, 2020  | <a href="http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship">www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship</a> |
| Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship    | A \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore.   | \$1,000 | Jan. 1, 2020  | <a href="http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship">www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship</a> |
| IAA Foundation Scholarship Program | We proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture, and those with family farming backgrounds.  | Varies  | Feb.1, 2020   | <a href="http://www.iaafoundation.org">www.iaafoundation.org</a>                         |

The Lakeview Garden Club from Maryville would be honored to sponsor any applicant for the Garden Club scholarships. Please contact Mary Muentnich, President at 618-530-1719.

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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  
 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. 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.

## 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)



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.



4-H Dog Project Workshop

**When:** Saturday, January 18th 9am-12:30pm

**Where:** Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon

**What:** Live agility demonstrations, hands on grooming lesson specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips and a live rally demonstration.

**Pre-registration not required.**



### 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.

Registration *deadline* is **Friday, January 3, 2020**.

Register at [go.illinois.edu/4HCWF](http://go.illinois.edu/4HCWF).

### 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!



### Taking an animal project? READ THIS

**For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:**

All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program, attending either a face to face class for \$3 or certifying on-line via the website <http://yqca.org> for \$12. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions. There will be 3 options for face to face training sometime in March and/or April.

**For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and 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/qaec/>



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.



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| 4-H Junior Leadership Conference <a href="http://go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc">go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc</a>  | Deadline January 24, 2020<br>Conference February 22-23, 2020         |
| Community Improvement Grants <a href="http://farmcreditIL.com">farmcreditIL.com</a>  | Check eligibility after November 1, 2019                             |
| Nominations for Salute to Excellence Volunteer Award #618-344-4230   | Deadline December 20, 2019   |
| Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship & TEACH Outdoors Scholarship <a href="http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html">http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html</a> | Deadline January 1, 2020   |
| Citizenship Washington Focus <a href="http://go.illinois.edu/4HCWF">go.illinois.edu/4HCWF</a>  | Deadline January 3, 2020<br>Trip July 4-11, 2020                     |
| Pamela Jacobs Retirement Party   | January 12, 2020   |
| 4-H Dog Project Workshop   | January 18, 2020   |
| National Garden Club Scholarship <a href="http://www.gardenclub.org">http://www.gardenclub.org</a>   | Deadline February 1, 2020  |
| Enrollment deadline in 4-H online to exhibit at County shows <a href="http://il.4honline.com">il.4honline.com</a>  | February 1, 2020   |
| Steer Weigh In   | February 8, 2020 8am-11am<br>Backup date of February 22, 2020        |
| Trivia Night Fundraiser  | February 22, 2020  |
| Farm Credit Illinois Scholarship <a href="http://farmcreditIL.com">farmcreditIL.com</a>  | Deadline March 1, 2020   |
| Taste of the Area, O'Fallon  | March 12, 2020   |
| Garden Club of Illinois Scholarship <a href="http://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org">www.gardenclubsofillinois.org</a>   | Deadline March 15, 2020  |
| 2020 Illini Summer Academies   | Registration opens March 16, 2020<br>Academies held June 21-27, 2020 |
| National 4-H Day of Service  | April, 25, 2020  |
| Garden Tour  | May 29-30, 2020  |
| State Fair General Project Show  | August 16, 2020  |

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**St. Clair County Extension and Education Foundation**

Working in cooperation with the University of Illinois Extension in St. Clair County, to generate funding for educational programming in the areas of 4-H Youth Development and home and commercial horticulture.

**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](mailto:mkrahn@illinois.edu)**

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*Celebrating her career of  
University of Illinois Extension leadership*

## RETIREMENT 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:

*St. Clair Co. Extension & Education Foundation*

(PO Box 117, Waterloo, IL 62298)

*Cards with memory stories are appreciated*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support and friendship throughout my University of Illinois Career! It has been a privilege to work with great volunteers and staff to extend educational opportunities to the public. Being a part of helping 4-H members gain positive life skills and seeing them grow into their successful careers and families which continues to give me great happiness! Working with great volunteers who care about extending and supporting educational programming is another aspect of personal satisfaction that I am forever grateful!

Unit 22 staff are dedicated individuals who will continue to carry out the mission of University of Illinois Extension. Great educational achievements will continue through volunteers and staff teamwork!

I have abundant memories....funny, serious, joyful, sad, but all of them fit together to create a very memorable and wonderful career!

**A very special thank you** to everyone for the great contributions that made my career the Best!

*Pam*