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ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H Family News



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Youth Livestock Conference



Joe Fournie (left) attended the Youth Livestock Conference, January 26-27 in Decatur. Alicia Bohn (right) helped plan the conference as a member of the Youth Livestock Ambassador Team.

Youth learned many different skills at the conference including the importance of using equipment correctly to improve herd reproduction rates, how to provide basic first aid to animals and more!

Set Your 4-H Project Goals!

Now that you have enrolled in your projects, it's time to set some goals. What do you want to do and learn in your projects? Make your goals challenging, but don't make them so hard you cannot reach them. Ask yourself these questions:

- What do I want to do?
- What can I learn?
- Who will help me?
- When am I going to do it?
- Where do I want this project to take me in one, two, or three years?

WARNING:
 DEADLINES ARE CLOSER
 THAN THEY APPEAR!

- **April 1** is the drop project deadline.
- **May 1** is the deadline for completing the QAEC training. Members who have not completed the training by that date will be dropped from ALL 4-H livestock projects & will be unable to show at county shows and/or state fair. *Please adhere to the May deadline.*

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"



Happy Herd 4-H SPIN club members made 87 scarves for the OSCAR Foundation in December.

<http://helposcar.org/>. The foundation made \$360 by selling the scarves.



Way to GO!

Step Up to the Batter's Box &
Join us for the 18th Annual

**4-H Day with the
St. Louis Cardinals!**

Saturday, May 11, 2019
Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 1, 2019

<https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2019>

"To Make the Best Better"

A Free Rabbit & Poultry Workshop?!

We're not *"yalking"* around!

Saturday, February 23 ● 9:00-10:30 a.m. ● Swansea Rural King
2801 N. Illinois St.

Registration required: <https://go.illinois.edu/StClairRabbitAndPoultryWorkshop>

Topics: Raising rabbits, chickens, nutrition
& health care management

Sponsored by:

- Livestock Committee of St. Clair County
- Swansea Rural King

Thank you!



Dine & Shop at Eckerts!

May 7, 2019; 7 a.m.— 8 p.m.

Make a purchase at the Restaurant, Country Store, Garden Center, or Custard Shop and 15% of your purchase will be donated to the St. Clair County Extension & Education Foundation.

Offer is only valid at the Belleville Location.



Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties' Public Speaking Contest will be held Friday, **April 5** at **7pm**.
Location is TBD.



Interested members must be registered online in Fair Entry by Wednesday, March 27

ATTENTION 4-H Animal Project Members:

All 4-H members that are enrolled in ANY animal project for the FIRST time:

(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 939-3434.)

This is a one-time training and good for all your 4-H years.



The 2019 schedule of RiverWatch Training Workshops is out. Training workshops are hosted around the state from March-May. Workshops are for new volunteers who would like to become a certified RiverWatch citizen scientist, and also for veteran RiverWatch citizen scientists who would just like to recharge their stream monitoring skills.

To see a complete list of dates/locations and to register for a workshop, visit:
<http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>



St. Clair County 4-H Ambassadors

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 13

6:45 p.m.

Turkey Hill Grange, Belleville

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Join 4-H Members and Clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 27** as part of **True Leaders in Service**. On this day, show the world how 4-H is making a difference in your community! While community service can happen all year long, if 4-H members and clubs plan to engage in service efforts before the end of April, they should plan to register their effort on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website prior to Saturday, April 27. The website opens March 1 @ <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/>. Community Service resources are available now!

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NOTE: Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities!

Fifty- \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Apply today at farmcreditIL.com.

Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!



Illini Summer Academies

Longer, bigger, better. See yourself at Illini Summer Academies

Spend 6 nights and 7 days on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for Illini Summer Academies. Registration opens March 1 at go.illinois.edu/illini4H.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8th thru 12th grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 by Sept. 1, 2019. There are **17** academies to choose from and cost varies based on the track you choose! Limited scholarships are available.



So good, we added another week to 4-H Memorial Camp



Great news! 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello will be offering five summer camp sessions in 2019. 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
- Sunday, July 28 – Thursday, August 1

Cost will be \$230 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 \$270.

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

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	Description	Amount	Application Deadline	Website to Apply
Farm Credit Illinois Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school seniors planning careers in <u>agriculture</u> may apply. • Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties that they service. 	\$2,000	Mar. 1, 2019	farmcreditiil.com
Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 scholarship available to members (HS seniors & College freshmen) who have demonstrated <i>mastery</i> in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of <u>agriculture</u>. • Members must have been involved in the livestock project a <i>minimum</i> of 3 years. • You must have been a member for <i>at least 5 years</i> and attending either a <u>4-year university</u>, <u>community college</u>, or <u>trade school</u>. 	\$1,000	Mar. 1, 2019	go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships
Legacy of Leadership Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 scholarships available to members (HS seniors & College freshmen) who have demonstrated overall <i>mastery</i> and <i>leadership</i> in the <u>4-H program</u>. • You must have been a member for <i>at least 5 years</i> and attending either a <u>4-year university</u>, <u>community college</u>, or <u>trade school</u>. 	\$1,000	Mar. 1, 2019	go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships
Lucille & Lester Korsmeyer 4-H Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 scholarship available to a high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years. • You must be a <i>permanent resident</i> of Madison, Monroe, or St. Clair County. • The applicant will be chosen based on several criteria including a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, history of 4-H involvement and other school and community activities. • The recipient must attend either an <u>accredited four year college or university</u> or a <u>two year community college</u> in Illinois as a <i>fulltime</i> (12 hour minimum) student. 	\$1,000 for up to 4 years	Apr. 26, 2019	go.illinois.edu/KorsmeyerScholarship2019

"Now this is a story of about how..."

4-H Public Speaking Contest Information

The *State 4-H Public Speaking Contest* will be held **June 8, 2019** in Decatur! The Public Presentation category has been updated. For additional information and the new rules, please visit:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-public-speaking-contest>

Mark your calendars because Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties' Public Speaking Contest will be held Friday, **April 5 at 7pm**. Location is TBD.

Interested members must be registered online in Fair Entry by Wednesday, March 27.

Tell Your Story

February is National Black History Month

This February, we celebrate #BlackHistoryMonth. We honor the women and men who broke barriers, defined innovation, and opened doors for today's #TrueLeaders to transcend and thrive in any field!
#InspireKidstoDo #BlackHistoryMonth



Make sure you don't have a **"Ruff"** State Fair experience...

2019 State Fair Junior Livestock Requirements

Don't get left out of the show ring because your animal is too old or too young. The 2019 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted online @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>.

The fact sheet is in the Resource section at the bottom of each page.



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Quit *foaling* around!

“Saddle up” for State & Regional horse events!

Regional horse contests will be held across the state. Winning teams and individuals advance to the state contests.

The State 4-H *Hippology* contest is **Saturday, April 13**, at 8 a.m. on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5/person.

The State 4-H *Horse Bowl* contest will be held **Sunday, April 14** at 8 a.m. on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5/entry or \$25/team.

Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Bowl or State 4-H Horse Hippology.

4-H members in our area should compete at:

SOUTHERN REGIONAL HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY: March 30 at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Contact Elizabeth Miller, lizmill@illinois.edu, (618) 548-1446.

The *State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest* is **Saturday, April 13** at 10 a.m. on the U of I campus. Cost is \$3 per entry.

All 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed. You must register at the Extension office by mid-March.

The *State 4-H Horse Judging Contest* will be held **Saturday, April 27 at Black Hawk College.**

Registration = 11 a.m. • Contest = 12 p.m.

The contest is open to **ALL** 4-H members. Pick up horse judging cards signed by Extension staff from the county office.

Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Judging.

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St. Clair County Trivia Night , Ag Building, Mascoutah	February 23, 2019
Rabbit & Poultry Workshop , Swansea Rural King	February 23, 2019; 9-10:30am
Junior Leadership Conference , Champaign	February 23-24, 2019
Farm Credit Illinois, Illinois 4-H Livestock, & Legacy of Leadership Scholarship deadlines	March 1, 2019
St. Clair County Ambassador Meeting , Turkey Hill Grange	March 13, 2019; 6:45pm
Regional Hippology and Horse Bowl Contests ; Carbondale	March 30, 2019
Drop Project Deadline ; 4-H Online	April 1, 2019
Unit-wide Public Speaking Contest , location TBD	April 5, 2019; 7pm
Taste of the Area , Regency Conference Center, O'Fallon	April 11, 2019
State 4-H Hippology & Horse Speaking contests , Champaign	April 13, 2019
State 4-H Horse Bowl contest , Champaign	April 14, 2019
Korsmeyer Scholarship Deadline	April 26, 2019
4-H National Day of Service	April 27, 2019
State 4-H Horse Judging Contest , Blackhawk College	April 27, 2019
QAEC deadline	May 1, 2019
Dine & Shop at Eckerts , Belleville	May 7, 2019; 7am-8pm
4-H Day with the Cardinals	May 11, 2019; postmarked by April 1
St. Clair County Garden Tour , O'Fallon	June 1, 2019; 9am-3pm
Citizenship Washington Focus , Washington D.C.	June 8-15, 2019
Mock-judging Event , Turkey Hill Grange, Belleville	June 15, 2019; 11am
Illini Summer Academies , Champaign	June 23-29, 2019
4-H Food, Clothing, & Computer Show , Turkey Hill Grange, Belleville	July 13, 2019
Livestock set-up & Meeting w/Exhibitors , Ag Building, Mascoutah	July 31, 2019
4-H Show-a-Rama , Ag Building, Mascoutah	August 1, 2019
County 4-H Livestock Shows , Ag Building, Mascoutah	August 2-4, 2019
St. Clair County Day @ State Fair	August 10, 2019




HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY 



Family TRIVIA? Night

Sponsored By:

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 23, 2019

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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JOIN US AT
“TASTE OF THE AREA FUNDRAISER”

Thursday, April 11, 2019

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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