

2019 IMPACT REPORT

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A Message from the Chancellor

The University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign is an economic engine and a driver of innovation, deeply rooted in the Illinois prairie and engaged statewide, from Cook County to Cairo. Illinois Extension brings the University to your doorstep. Extension educators live and work alongside you in every county, allowing the university to support local leaders, businesses, farmers, and residents to address grand challenges and everyday problems with practical, research-based solutions. As a youth, my own 4-H experience inspired a rewarding career in agricultural research and higher education. Today, it's an honor to lead this great public university and deepen its commitment to serve the people of Illinois.

Robert J. Jones
 Chancellor, University of Illinois



A Note from the County Director

My name is Angie Messmer. I am the new county Extension director in Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline, and White counties, and Director of the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center (DSAC).

As a 27-year resident of Southern Illinois, I am honored to be given the opportunity to lead and work alongside Extension and DSAC staff. I look forward to participating in events throughout our counties, experiencing the programs offered, and meeting the volunteers and community members who support Extension efforts.

Our unit's staff have provided outstanding programs, as reflected in this report. The intention of these programs is to create awareness, cultivate knowledge, generate commitment, and grow future leaders. Staff are committed to their communities and strive to shape positive futures by ensuring quality programs, dedicated service, and leadership.

The results and success stories provided in the following report were possible because of the contributions of our local county boards, local businesses, private organizations, personal donations, and generous volunteers — not only financially, but with time and talent. Thank you.

This report provides program highlights that we hope you find useful and rewarding. If you have not had the opportunity to be involved with Extension, I encourage you to do so. We would be glad to have you.

Sincerely,
 Angie Messmer
 County Extension Director - Unit 24



Cha-Ching! Into the Community Chest

University of Illinois Extension staff members, Susan Odum and Nancy Lambert, launched a new community development program in the Saline County schools during the 2018-19 school year.

The new program, Cha-Ching! Into the Community Chest, is a simulation activity designed to teach elementary school students the importance of shopping local in a fun, interactive way. The program demonstrates how local spending can support community services, including police, ambulance, fire, emergency services, schools, and parks and recreation.



Extension educators, Susan Odum and Nancy Lambert, EPC 4-H, with Mrs. Perkins' class at Harrisburg East Side School.

The new educational program also encourages entrepreneurial thinking as the students design their own money, play the board game, and develop their own new business ideas for their community.

The new program has received rave reviews from students, teachers, and program partners.

The partnership with the Saline County schools and the Saline County Chamber of Commerce allowed this new community development program to continue in the 2019-20 school year.



Program Success Quotes

I want to thank you for coming to our classroom. My class really enjoyed the activity and so did I. That is a wonderful lesson for today's children to be aware of and learn more about!

MELANIE HUSTEDDE, TEACHER AT CARRIER MILLS-STONEFORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CARRIER MILLS

My students really enjoyed your presentation. I love the message of shopping local!

ANGIE PERKINS, TEACHER AT EAST SIDE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, HARRISBURG

Dear Ms. Susan and Ms. Nancy, Thank you so much for coming to our school and teaching us about how important it is to shop local. My favorite part was getting to play the Community Chest game.

EXCERPT FROM ONE OF THE THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED FROM MS. PERKINS 4TH GRADE CLASS AT EAST SIDE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, HARRISBURG

This was so much fun! It was educational, disguised as fun! The kids learned the importance of supporting local business and filling the community chest. Cha-Ching!

JONATHAN RUSSELL, SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, SALINE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEMBER, AND VICE PRESIDENT OF RUSSELL OIL COMPANY ROC ONE STOP



Saline County Chamber of Commerce Associate Director Alex Watkins and Legence Bank Vice President Olivia Bradley assisted Extension staff with the Harrisburg 4th grade Community Chest activities.



Engaging Youth in Rural Issues

In addition to engaging fourth grade students in Saline County on the importance of shopping local, Extension Specialist Susan Odum and 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator Nancy Lambert were pleased to be invited to speak recently with the 2020 Saline County CEO class. Odum and Lambert engaged with the CEO students through a series of simulated activities designed to demonstrate how money flows in and out of local economies and how local spending funds critical community services. In addition, Lambert led the students through an exercise designed to demonstrate the power of the multiplier, and Odum challenged the students to identify ways to utilize import substitution to create a stronger, more sustainable local economy. "We all learned so much about where the money we spend goes. The activities we did were very helpful in visualizing how the money flows," said one of the students in a thank you note to the facilitators.



Extension staff met with Saline County CEO students for a series of lessons on rural economics. Activities and exercises focused on the multiplier effect, import substitution, and the importance of local spending to the health and sustainability of local communities.



Rotary Club Guest Speaker

Odum and Lambert were honored to be Angela Rowe's guest speaker at the May 2019, Harrisburg Rotary Club meeting. At the meeting, Odum and Lambert outlined their new program and their new program delivery partnership with the Saline County Chamber of Commerce. In addition, they provided statistics on their program reach for the 2018-19 school year, which included all of the fourth grade classrooms in Saline County: four schools, 13 classrooms, and 256 students.



Rotary President Stacy Wasson, Nancy Lambert, Susan Odum, and Angela Rowe (Photo credit: James Bond, Rotary Publicity and SI Dollar Saver Publisher)



Educating youth on the importance of shopping local through programs like Community Chest is a pivotal and vital component of small business and entrepreneurial literacy within rural communities. It is because of this knowledge that these students are then able to see the true need of shopping local and urging their peers, friends, and family members to support the small business community within Saline County, which in turn promotes local businesses and can [hopefully] spur economic growth. ALEX WATKINS, OWNER OF CLASSIC CRAFTERS AND SALINE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR



Food Production Projects

Local Foods Educator Bronwyn Aly, Ag Gardener Julie Zakes, along with Katie Bell and Jerad Towns, have continued research and demonstration projects for the 2019 season in the high tunnels of the Local Foods Area at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center (DSAC). Weekly harvest data has been collected from tomato, bell pepper, and cucumber trial plots from April through the end of September. This information will be shared at state and regional specialty crops conferences and schools during the winter meetings in 2020. These annual trials help growers make decisions on which varieties to grow in upcoming seasons, and can have a significant economic impact in their farming operation.

2019 High Tunnel Statistics:

- ▶ Harvested over 6,000 pounds of produce from fruits and vegetables grown in demonstration and research plots
- ▶ Over 2,700 pounds donated to various food pantries, senior centers, churches, etc., in the bottom 11 counties
- ▶ Remainder of produce sold to various wholesale outlets, generating \$3,226.90



Before the first harvest

Illinois Department of Agriculture Specialty Crops Block Grant Awarded

Last year, Aly submitted and was awarded an Illinois Department of Agriculture Specialty Crops Block Grant in the amount of \$80,880, entitled, Utilizing High Tunnels to Maximize Winter Vegetable Production. Research plots for this two-year grant were established starting in early August, with the final plots to be planted in January. This project will compare the effects of plant date, black plastic mulch versus no mulch, and row cover versus no row cover on production and quality of carrots, kale, lettuce, and spinach. The various plots will be harvested throughout the fall and winter months, depending on their rates of growth.



After first harvest.

Spinach, kale, and lettuce will have multiple harvests from the same plants in the same plots over the course of the winter. Information generated from this project will help vegetable growers plan for winter markets and sales, and generate additional farm income in what is typically a time of little to no cash flow. High tunnels allow growers to extend their growing seasons both earlier and later in the year, and can even allow for year-round production, depending on the crops being grown.



Year 2 - Orange is the New Green

We have completed year two in our USDA Beginning Farmer Rancher Development Project Grant, Orange is the New Green, and have just started orientation with year three participants this week. Nearly 25 incarcerated participants completed the Master Gardener curriculum, marketplace literacy business development, and beginning farmer training in year two. These nontraditional students were also given the opportunity to take their Illinois Pesticide Applicator license test, with the majority achieving a passing score. Two participants applied for and received their Private Applicator License and had it in hand at the time of their release. Windy City Harvest, established through a relationship with the Chicago Botanic Garden, offers continued training, education, soft skills, and job placement for individuals looking to make a fresh start after their recent incarceration. One student from year one has already applied to the program and they will encourage any future graduates who will be paroled into their area to apply, as well. We believe this exciting partnership will be an important step to keep graduates engaged and moving forward after their release.



A portion of incarcerated participants who completed year two of Orange Is the New Green, the USDA-funded Beginning Farmer Rancher Development Project at the Vienna Correctional Center. The 2019 class grew mini pumpkins for all 133 kindergarteners in Johnson County. Photo via Illinois Department of Corrections Facebook.



Bronwyn Aly and Nathan Ryder handing out pumpkins grown by participants in the Orange is the New Green program at Vienna Correctional Center.

Year 2 Accomplishments

- ▶ 77% of incarcerated participants (IPs) completed University of Illinois Master Gardener curriculum (must earn an average of 80% on quizzes)
- ▶ Overall class average earned in Master Gardener curriculum was 87.5%
- ▶ 55% of IPs completed University of Illinois Beginning Farmer Training
- ▶ 1.5 acres of garden plots maintained by IPs
- ▶ 133 pumpkins grown by IPs and donated to Johnson County Schools
- ▶ 71% of IPs completed and submitted a business plan for review by local Small Business Development Association
- ▶ 1,800 pounds of produce harvested from IPs' plots (June - early September 2019)

Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton Visits Dixon Springs

Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton and Senator Dale Fowler included a stop at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center (DSAC) on July 23, 2019, as part of a tour of agriculture-related locations within Pope County. Extension staff provided Lt. Gov. Stratton and Senator Fowler with information about ongoing research projects that benefit stakeholders across southern Illinois. Chris Evans, extension forester, discussed the importance of managing and maintaining forested areas, and the impact tourism has on the economy. Bronwyn Aly, local foods/small farms educator, highlighted ongoing high tunnel research at DSAC and the benefit specialty crop producers realize through season extension. Lucas Neira, research specialist – animal sciences, updated the group on beef cattle research projects being conducted, and plans for future projects. Teresa Steckler, commercial ag educator – livestock, shared the problems faced by cattle producers in the region, and her ongoing research to help address these issues.



Photo by Kay Shipman, Farmweek



Addressing Food Insecurity

The youth high tunnel finished its first season of production and yielded nearly 500 pounds of fresh produce that was shared at local food pantries, senior centers, churches, etc. Crops grown in the youth high tunnel included onions, celery, celeriac, potatoes, watermelon, cantaloupe, kohlrabi, pak choi, green beans, and radishes, as well as tomatoes, peppers, carrots, beets, and sugar snap peas, which were still being harvested at the time of this report.



This tunnel has been planted and maintained by mostly Pope County 4-H members, but a few individuals from other counties have also been involved, making it a multi-county 4-H opportunity.



2019 Southern Illinois Summer Twilight Series

The Southern Illinois Summer Twilight Series completed its sixth year of on-farm meetings with four locations in 2019: Double Star Farms, Ewing, IL; Dixon Springs Agricultural Center, Simpson, IL; Mileur Orchard and the Jackson County Extension Office, both in Murphysboro.

104 participants in 2019
639 participants over all six program years
30 30 participants per meeting on average

These meetings create a firsthand opportunity for participants to see various on-farm production and marketing practices for a wide range of specialty crops across the southern Illinois region. They also establish a networking environment in which farmers, Extension educators, and agriculture professionals can interact.



Mileur Orchards, Murphysboro, IL

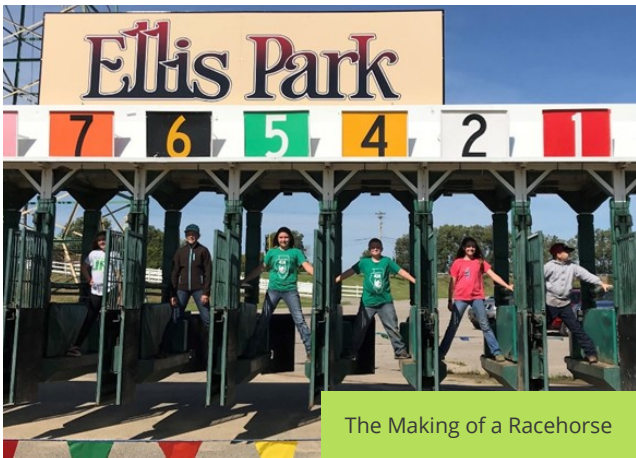


Dixon Springs Ag Center, Simpson, IL



Gallatin County 4-H

The Shawneetown Public Library Robotics Workshop, held on June 14, is an example of University of Illinois Extension and 4-H bringing technology access to our communities. Gallatin County High School Teen Teachers helped facilitate the activity. Each team used a Lego Mindstorms EV3 Robotics Kit to build the tracker robot. While step-by-step instructions are supplied, youth are encouraged to be self-sufficient and do their own problem-solving. Youth built base robots, experimented with various sensors, and utilized the Lego Mindstorms commander app and programming app. The serious expressions during building changed into smiles and laughter once they were “driving.” Due to the overwhelmingly positive response, Extension will create additional robotics opportunities in Shawneetown.





The Making of a Racehorse

The Making of a Racehorse, hosted by Ellis Park, provided a fantastic behind-the-scenes look at thoroughbred racing. 4-H members from Gallatin, Saline, and White counties toured the offices, stables, and Jockey’s Room. Apprentice Jockey Declan Carroll, showed the youth his jockey equipment, including a saddle that weighed just four pounds. The group was invited to stay for a day of racing and photos in the Winners Circle.

White County 4-H

The White County 4-H Growing Illinois Food Together (GIFT) Garden is ending year four. During the summer of 2019, four raised beds were added to give the garden a total of 12. Strawberry and peanut plants overflowed two of the beds. We enjoyed learning a lot about monarch butterflies this summer, after planting 150 milkweed plants along the fencing. Since the harvest season ended, the greenhouse that was donated to 4-H by First Bank in Carmi has been built and will be utilized starting in the winter of 2019-20. Future endeavors include building a garden trellis for vining produce with two slim raised beds, planting more milkweed for monarch butterflies, and starting milkweed plants from seed in the new greenhouse. In the four years of this garden, 1,500 pounds of produce has been donated to area senior centers and food pantries, or sold at local farmer’s markets. Over 120 fourth graders and 80 pre-k students have attended garden sessions to assist with the work.

In October, White County 4-H leaders, Aaron and Holly Davis, led an aerospace workshop with 20 current 4-H members. Participants constructed their own rocket, decorated it, and watched a rocket launch demonstration.

White County 4-H collaborated with local ag businesses and farmers from the community to provide a farm-to-table dinner in October. All proceeds from the evening’s successful dinner will be donated to the White County 4-H program. Businesses and families wish to continue this as an annual event before the Carmi Kiwanis yearly Corn Day festivities.



<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ghhpsw>



4-H in Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline, & White Counties

Saline County 4-H

Saline County 4-H continues to pledge our “hearts to greater loyalty” and our “hands to larger service.” To bring a community service aspect to National 4-H Week, 31 members and their families volunteered at Heaven’s Kitchen in Harrisburg on October 8, to serve a hot meal and visit with 153 patrons. This was our third time to volunteer as a group at Heaven’s Kitchen. We also donated 68 wash cloth and bar soap bundles for the staff to keep on hand for the patrons, as needed. Heaven’s Kitchen, serving a weekly meal to as many as 250 patrons, was started by Senator Dale Fowler and the Fowler/Bonan Foundation one year ago. From the Heaven’s Kitchen Facebook Page: “One hundred and fifty-three persons enjoyed soup and sandwiches tonight at Heaven’s Kitchen — Harrisburg. Big thanks to Roy Jackson of Hardin County for the musical entertainment, and to Nancy Lambert and the Saline County 4-H members and friends for joining us in service tonight — and also for the donation of soap/washcloth gift bundles. Such a great idea!”



31 4-H youth and family members volunteered
68 soap/wash cloth bundles donated

Farm & Community Safety Day

Extension in Saline and Gallatin counties, Saline-Gallatin Farm Bureau, and Soil and Water partnered for our 7th annual Farm & Community Safety Day. Five hundred fourth and fifth grade youth from Saline and Gallatin counties received instruction in various safety areas at three large group stations — air evacuation, search-and-rescue bloodhounds, and Southeastern Illinois Electric Co-op Live Line — as well as 19 small group stations, including grain bin, lawn mower, tractor, hunter, large and small animals, poisonous plants, fire, state and local police, ambulance, sun safety, poison look-a-likes, and emergency management.



Hamilton County 4-H

Hamilton County 4-H finished the season with 2,901 pounds of produce from the garden, and \$3,103 in sales from the farmer’s market. Over 800 pounds of produce was donated to local food pantries; Heritage Woods; McLeansboro Rehabilitation and Healthcare; Hamilton Memorial Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center; Hungry Hearts; WADI, Inc.; McLeansboro American Legion; and Senior Enrichment.

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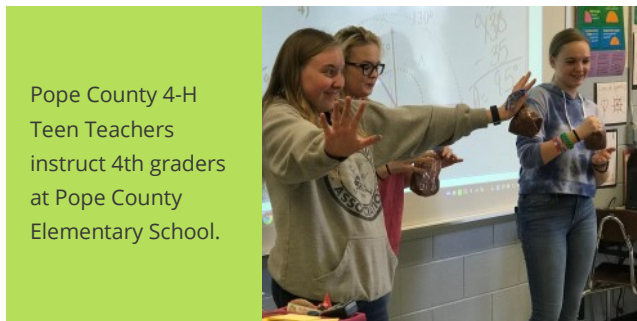
There were 42 youth enrolled in the summer gardening and cooking classes (35 of those were new enrollments) and seven Teen Teachers. At the end of the program, 19 participants exhibited their garden or cooking projects and completed all of the classes. This has been a great way to increase the number of youth involved in 4-H.

This year, we learned about many new vegetables and cooked with several of them. We made dishes with multiple different greens, such as kale, Swiss chard, spinach, and turnip greens. We cooked with fennel and kohlrabi. Youth learned how easy it is to substitute one food for another. During the cooking classes, we used about 300 pounds of the produce raised. Participants learned how to make pear jam, peach jam, pear butter, pepper jelly, salsa, dill pickles, and bread and butter refrigerator pickles.



Pope/Hardin County 4-H

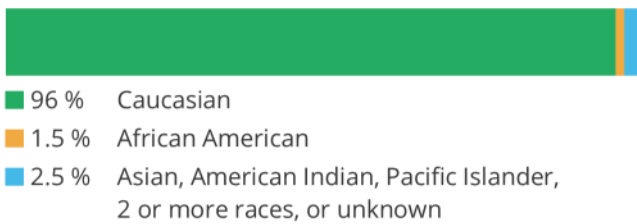
The 4-H Teen Teachers program allows youth in high school to practice skills needed to be successful leaders. This year, Teen Teachers in Hardin and Pope counties worked together to plan and then teach a six-week course on healthy living to their respective fourth grade classes. The course included lessons such as daily sugar consumption, basic first aid, and the introduction of new fruits and vegetables. Each lesson also included a game that involved exercise. Not only did these high school students teach the fourth graders, they learned about themselves in the process and the leadership roles that work for them. Some preferred to stand back and be the helping hands, while others took the lead role and taught the lessons.



Program Reach



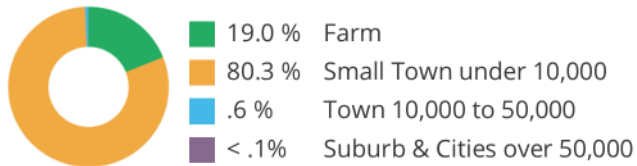
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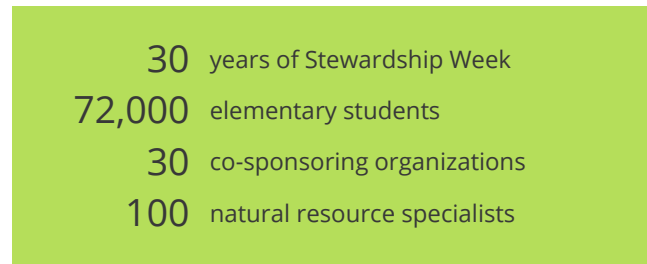
RESIDENCE



Stewardship Week Celebrates 30 Years

Each April, grade school students and their teachers across southernmost Illinois travel to the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center (DSAC) to participate in Stewardship Week. This outdoor environmental education program helps students learn and experience what it means to be a good steward of the land. Participants trek through a series of natural resource-related learning stations led by resource professionals. Topics include soil conservation, natural heritage preservation, wildlife management, water quality, wetland restoration, geology, forest conservation, entomology, maps, invasive species, and weather.

The program was created in 1990, by the Illinois Forest Resource Center. Thirty years later, Stewardship Week continues to thrive as a relevant and impactful program. Illinois Extension is a long-time partner, teaching multiple learning stations annually since 1990. In 2015, we had the opportunity to transition from a partner to the lead organization.



State Representative Patrick Windhorst met with Extension staff and Teen Teachers after touring the DSAC grounds during Stewardship Week.

Cameron Hill, a 9-year member of Pope County 4-H, approached his Federation about collecting glasses for the Lion's Club. Cameron is legally blind and knows firsthand the importance of eye glasses. He saw this as an opportunity to help others in need. What started out as a local collection turned into a unit-wide community service project with 350 pairs of glasses collected for the Lion's Club.





SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EDUCATION (SNAP-EDUCATION)

SNAP-Education works with Illinois families in need to make the healthier choice an easier choice where they eat, shop, live, play and learn. Through classes and workshops, and by collaborating with community partners to adopt research-based solutions to encourage healthier nutrition and activity choices, SNAP-Education positively impacts the families and communities we serve.

Serving Local Families



5,472 Total SNAP-Education Participants



30% Adults



70% Youth



1% Identified as Hispanic
61% Identified as Non-Hispanic
38% Unknown

RACE OF PARTICIPANTS

- 95% White (5,284)
- 4% Black (220)
- 1% American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, or Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (66)

Our Community Partners



17 K-12 Schools



11 Youth Centers



2 Store or Markets



12 Early Childhood



12 Community Centers



7 Food Pantries and Food Banks



Nancy Hardy led youth in a series of very successful Illinois Junior Chef classes in White County in June.



Chopping onions and cracking eggs are two of the important cooking skills taught in Illinois Junior Chef classes.

Illinois Junior Chef classes were taught at Rosiclare Memorial Public Library over the summer. Participants were able to try new foods and made several different recipes, including veggie quesadillas, pumpkin pancakes, and fruit salsa. They also learned various cooking skills, such as how to measure ingredients, how to read and follow a recipe, and how to properly use a vegetable peeler. At the end of the classes, the kids were eager to show their families what they learned and were excited about their new cookbooks.





SNAP-Education staff, Nancy, Jennifer, Robin, and Pam, at the Great Apple Crunch event held at West Side Primary School, Harrisburg in October.



Harrisburg High School FFA members assist SNAP-Education staff by pressing apple cider at the Great Apple Crunch event.

Phyllis Wood from Egyptian Health Department shows young Violet how to play the apple crunch game.



Saline/Gallatin County SNAP-ED began a new partnership with Extension Specialist Susan Odum and the St. Joseph Help Center in Equality, IL. The church leadership began a free community Health/Hygiene Pantry in their church in April, and wished to add an educational component for the recipients. Susan and Robin Johnston, Illinois Nutrition Education Programs, began to offer budgeting within the existing adult SNAP-ED classes at both Harrisburg and Eldorado libraries once per month. The recipients benefit from free cleaning supplies and hygiene items, as well as nutritional and financial education. We have seen growth of our low-income community target in attendance at both locations with this new partnership!



Illinois Nutrition Education Programs are on Facebook! Like us for recipes, event pictures and nutrition information. facebook.com/IllinoisNEP

SNAP-ED Reaches Our Communities With Innovative Programming — Healthy Cents and Great Garden Detective

We began our brand new curriculum, Healthy Cents, in all adult classes. Students are learning what foods are healthy and setting positive eating goals — buying fresh, canned, or frozen fruits and vegetables on sale; trying inexpensive whole grain pastas, breads, and cereals; reading food labels; and eating healthier snacks.



In January, third graders at Hardin County Elementary started the Great Garden Detective Adventure. The students learned about the plants in the classroom, and also planted seeds and watched their plants grow. They sampled different fruits and vegetables, and made a few recipes. In September, a new garden bed was put in at the school. The same group of students, who are now fourth graders, continued with the program this year. They planted fall vegetables in the new garden bed. They took great care of their plants and were able to taste them when they were harvested. The students were even able to take some of the vegetables to the school cafeteria to be prepared and served.



Fourth graders give Ruthy Potts, Head Cook at Hardin County School, produce that was grown in the school garden as part of the Great Garden Detective Adventure program.



Summer Twilight Meeting at the Jackson County Extension Office, Murphysboro, IL



White County 4-H Cloverbuds, Leo Sutton and Silas Vinyard, eagerly await the day that they are old enough to exhibit.



Pope/Hardin 4-H Federation made Christmas cards for Rosiclare Rehabilitation & Health Care Center residents.



The Saline County 4-H Federation chose "4-H — The Greatest 'Show' on Earth!" as this year's theme.



Participants in the adult nutrition classes at the Eldorado Library in April 2019, were happy to take home cucumbers and tomatoes grown at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center.



Katelyn Garner leads her heifer at the White County 4-H Livestock Show.



Gallatin County 4-H member, Fallon Scates, at the 2019 National 4-H Conference. Her group made a presentation on youth entrepreneurship to the U.S. Department of Labor.



State Senator Dale Fowler assists Saline County 4-H members with desserts at Heaven's Kitchen.

Hardin County Elementary 3rd grade students plant seeds following their Great Garden Detective plant lesson. Students enjoyed watching their plants grow in the classroom before planting them in the school garden.



Pope County River Rats 4-H member, Everly Ryder, talks to the judge about her dairy goat in the Showmanship class.



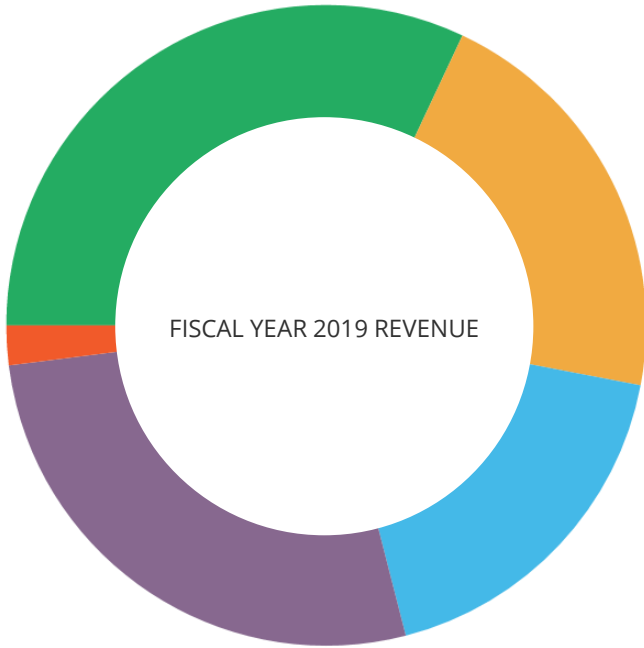
These 12 Country Clovers 4-H club members are all cousins from six different families. 4-H is a family affair!



Saline County 4-H Junior Leaders were honored at Achievement Night.



Council Member	Council Member	City
Cole Fechtig (Chairman)	White	Burnt Prairie
Hank Oldham (Vice Chairman)	Gallatin	Shawneetown
Holly Healy (Secretary)	White	Norris City
Nadine York (Financial Reporter)	Gallatin	Equality
Kim Bainbridge	Hardin	Elizabethtown
Natalie Bonnell	Pope	Golconda
Don Darnell	Hamilton	Macedonia
Tony Eckert	Pope	Golconda
Eric Fodor	Saline	Carrier Mills
Shelly Friend	Pope	Simpson
Kate Miller	Hamilton	Macedonia
Lisa Miller	Hamilton	Macedonia
Douglas Patton	Hardin	Elizabethtown
Jimmy Richey	Saline	Galatia
Donna Rumsey	Saline	Galatia
Brandon Vickery	Gallatin	Shawneetown



- 32% Local
- 21% State
- 18% Federal - SNAP
- 27% Federal - Smith/Lever
- 2% Donations

This graph represents the distribution of dollars (as a percentage of total revenue) that University of Illinois Extension serving Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline, and White counties collected during fiscal year 2019.



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