Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Illinois 4-H Foundation’s 2015 CloverSeed. Every year the Foundation staff and board report to our donors and reach out to prospective donors through this publication.

I invite you to read the CloverSeed from cover to cover to learn more about how Illinois 4-Hers are living out the 4-H motto—To Make the Best Better—and its slogan, Learn by Doing. That’s right: the motto and the slogan have not changed, nor has the pledge. What has changed and will continue changing is the breadth of 4-H in Illinois, from community clubs and SPIN Clubs to opportunities for urban youth to programs offering the 4-H experience for immigrant and ethnic youths and their families. Dr. Lisa Diaz, state 4-H program leader, highlights what’s happening for you here. And articles and photographs throughout the CloverSeed celebrate the wide range of Illinois 4-H. Be sure to read the letter from Angie Barnard, Illinois 4-H Foundation executive director, who summarizes the impact of donor dollars on 4-H in our state.

CloverSeed serves as one means of thanking and recognizing donors to the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Since the Foundation’s very first year in 1954 (60 years ago!) donations from individuals and corporations have been used to offer opportunities to 4-Hers above and beyond what state funding could provide. Enjoy the stories told about donors here, explaining how their 4-H experiences led to success in life and why they now donate to Illinois 4-H through the foundation. The “Annual Report of Giving” begins on page 29.

All of the members of the Foundation board thank you and each of our donors for your support. When you’re finished reading CloverSeed, I encourage you to make a list of friends and associates who would be encouraged to donate to Illinois 4-H if they received a copy. Call the Foundation office (217-333-9295) with their names and addresses, and we’ll do the rest.

Finally, you can keep pace with what the Foundation is doing at our website—4hfoundation.Illinois.edu—and by “liking” our Facebook page.

Warm regards,

Cheryl Wormley
Chair, Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors
Dear 4-H Supporters,

Isn’t it wonderful when something old can also be something new! Although I have worked at the Illinois State 4-H office for 10 years, it was with great excitement that I stepped into my new role as director for Illinois 4-H last spring. Though my responsibilities are new, the program and the people are familiar, trusted, and valued. It’s reassuring to be able to continue to grow something I believe in—the value of Illinois 4-H.

When hired, I was allowed to imagine new program possibilities for 4-H in the area of technology. The first 4-H robotics clubs formed in 2006, and each year the program builds stronger and stronger, in both numbers and quality. I think back to our first statewide robotics competition, attended by 12 teams. This year, that event was attended by 60 teams. Illinois 4-H Robotics is now supported by a full-time 4-H state educator and is one of our most highly enrolled programs.

We have many such success stories in Illinois 4-H, as you will see in this publication. 4-H continues to be the largest youth development program in the state, engaging 1 in 12 youth. In 2015 we grew by 300 new clubs, with more than 10,000 first-year club members. Currently 20 percent of our participants self-identify as minority; 11 percent of our participants are Latino. Youth in 4-H are advocating for positive change in their communities on issues such as food access, teaching younger youth through 4-H Special Interest (SPIN) clubs, planning state events such as Illini Summer Academies, sharing their experiences with legislators, and inspiring the next generation of youth.

I’ve had the pleasure of watching my own daughter blossom and grow through her 4-H experience. She is connecting with her community in new ways through club service activities, growing in confidence as she shares what she’s learning with others, and expanding her skills as she takes on new challenges. As a parent, I see how she has benefited from the interactions with her club leaders, fair judges, 4-H staff, and other adults that she has built into a web of support around her. Her younger brother, meanwhile, just sees how much fun she has, and he can’t wait to start as a Cloverbud this year.

This year, we celebrate new beginnings—for my family and for Illinois 4-H. I wish the best for your families and your 4-H programs in 2016.

Dr. Lisa Bouillion Diaz
4-H Assistant Dean and Director
University of Illinois Extension
4-H Youth Development

From Our State 4-H Program Leader

The 4-H values—Head, Heart, Hand, and Health—are as relevant today as they were in the organization’s early beginnings in the 1900s. They are something old and familiar that can, at the same time, provide new opportunities and new perspectives.

We invite you to make a financial donation, volunteer in a local 4-H program, promote 4-H by wearing a pin, or include 4-H in your Facebook or LinkedIn profile.
Dear Friends,

2015 has marked some memorable moments. In April, the Illinois 4-H Foundation moved its office to join the state 4-H workplace; the Illinois 4-H program welcomed a new state 4-H program leader; the Foundation inducted our largest 4-H Hall of Fame class; we increased our financial support of statewide 4-H programming; and our 4-H fundraising staff grew! In our 61 years of existence, the work at the Illinois 4-H Foundation has remained the same: we continue to work for Illinois 4-H youth by building relationships to generate financial resources for Illinois 4-H—our mission!

I am encouraged by an 8.5% increase in financial contributions from the Foundation back to the counties—a total of $324,200!

Some highlights that you as donors and stakeholders of the Illinois 4-H program should be proud of:

- 166 grants totaling over $137,000 awarded to county 4-H programs
- 388 new donors
- 34 state scholarships of $1,000 each to deserving 4-Hers
- Induction of 70 wonderful volunteers into the 4-H Hall of Fame at the 14th annual 4-H Recognition Event at the Illinois State Fair
- $2.73 million (market value) in 43 endowments

I am delighted to welcome Jennifer Smith to the team as a fundraiser for the Illinois 4-H Program. Jennifer has the pleasure of meeting current and prospective donors to our statewide program. Our outreach will be able to grow with her talents, and I look forward to the opportunities that additional gifts will offer to the more than 200,000 youth impacted by 4-H.

My sincere thanks to each of you for your interest in our thriving 4-H program. Illinois 4-H is at the forefront nationally in multiple initiatives. Without support from longtime donors and new partners, we would not be able to conduct the innovative work that we do. Thank you for helping to make our success happen!

I hope you will take some time to read through this year’s CloverSeed and to experience, through words and photos, some of the great opportunities Illinois 4-H can provide thanks to our dedicated supporters!

With warmest regards,

Angie Barnard
Executive Director
Illinois 4-H Foundation
The Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors is a group of dedicated individuals from across the state who care deeply about supporting Illinois 4-H. With their time, connections, and expertise, they aid the Foundation’s fundraising, marketing, and communication work.

The board also helps bring together new individuals, corporations, and organizations to support the Illinois 4-H mission: empowering youth to reach their full potential while working and learning in partnership with caring adults. To become one of the caring adults serving on the Foundation board, call 217-333-9295 or email illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu.

By the Numbers

- Total donors: **2,388**, and **88%** of them are Illinois residents. Map shows FY2015 donations from within the state by percentage from each of the 27 Illinois Extension Units.

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- Total gifts: **$394,475**
- New donors: **388**
- **43** endowments, with a market value of **$2.73** million
- **34** state-level scholarships, totaling **$34,000**
- **166** grants, totaling **$137,000**

The 4-H high school-age youth in clubs grew by **4%** in 2015 (**6,243** members are in high school).

**9,554** teens are members of a 4-H club, **36%** of all our members are teens.

Creating a Sound Foundation for 4-H
A Space to Call Their Own

4-H Memorial Camp Building to Serve STEM and Shooting Sports

It might well be the hidden gem of central Illinois, and not just for its beauty. 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello serves more than 8,000 people during 100 group events each year. Many groups are youth-oriented. Others are affiliated with area colleges and universities. Though most programs center on enjoying outdoor activities, there are times when a covered facility would help with instruction and accessibility, not to mention storage and safety concerns.

Several years ago, 4-H Memorial Camp joined a national 4-H initiative to expose more youth to programs involving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). To spearhead these camp programs, curriculum developed by the National Renewable Energy Lab was offered at 4-H summer camp beginning in 2006 through Creation Station. Campers began baking in solar ovens made from pizza boxes, they designed blades for model wind turbines and measured the electrical current produced, and they made their own thermometers and measured the effects of different types of insulation. Sure, campers still love swimming, boating, rock climbing, fishing, archery, and painting, but the popularity of these new STEM activities surprised even 4-H camp staff. The program that started at a picnic table with a shade tent needed a permanent home.

About the same time, 4-H Shooting Sports was entering the camp scene in a big way. Interest in archery and air rifle programs increased exponentially, and donations for equipment and targets followed suit. Though a fantastic boost to the camping program, the growth also created the need for another facility at 4-H Memorial Camp for instruction and equipment storage. For efficiency, a single building was planned to enhance both the archery and STEM programming. (Actually, the National 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum also incorporates STEM programming into their archery lessons, so these programs have more in common than it might appear!) Neither Creation Station nor archery programs can be conducted when conditions are wet or muddy or the weather is windy or raining.

As word began to spread about the need for a facility at camp to support both these popular “hands-on, learn-by-doing” initiatives, first to step up with a financial donation was the Piatt County Farm Bureau. Several individuals and businesses followed, including The Grainger Foundation and CHI Overhead Doors.

Why I give...

Glenn and Phyllis Webb of Tunnel Hill, Illinois; 6-year (Phyllis) and 7-year (Glenn) 4-H members; Phyllis was also a 32-year 4-H leader of the Webb Town Merrymakers.

Why do you give to the Illinois 4-H Foundation?

Both Phyllis and I are aware of the tremendous opportunities in developing leadership skills for young men and women who participate in the variety of programs offered through 4-H. The Foundation is an excellent vehicle through which to target resources to the appropriate programs. I have confidence in the leadership of the Foundation that stewardship of the resources is a high priority.

Our children, Greg, Natalie, and Monty, are beneficiaries of the skills taught and learned in the various 4-H projects and activities made available to them. We want other children to be presented with these same opportunities for personal growth and leadership development.

How do you give back to the Illinois 4-H Foundation?

An obvious way that we give back is to respond annually to the Foundation’s request for funds. Secondly, we are involved in starting a 5-county local 4-H Foundation designed to assist children who want to enroll in 4-H but do not have the money to do so. Our aim is to be sure no child that would like to be a 4-H member is excluded because of personal finances. Thirdly, we have the opportunity to give back by involving ourselves in the various organizations that support 4-H.

Work has begun at 4-H Memorial Camp on the new Creation Station and Shooting Sports building.
Keith Parr was a 10-year member of the Reno Ramblers 4-H Club in Bond County. Like other 4-H members, he studied a variety of projects, but he showed exceptional talent in public speaking, eventually winning the state’s top award. Armed with that skill, Keith excelled in law school at the University of Illinois and has since become a successful attorney.

Keith credits his success to the sacrifices of others. “A 4-H scholarship helped me attend the University of Illinois,” Keith said. “I remember how appreciative I was.”

Now he is in a position to give back to the organization that supported him, helping give other youth the opportunity to pursue college degrees. “Scholarships were important back then,” Keith said, “and they are even more important now.”

Keith and his wife, Lissa, have pledged $50,000 to the Illinois 4-H Foundation in the form of college scholarships to support 4-H members in Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion, and Washington counties. The scholarship honors the hard work and dedication of Keith’s parents, Margaret and G.W. Parr, who were influential leaders in Bond County.

Keith also provides an annual $1,000 4-H Legacy of Leadership scholarship through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and helps fund the Illinois delegation to National 4-H Congress.

“4-H is all about opportunity,” Keith said, “opportunity for youth to grow their leadership skills and take ownership of their projects, activities, and future.”

Donations such as these ensure that youth from all backgrounds have a chance to reach their potential, to have the careers they want, to experience the abundance life has to offer, and to give back, when the time comes, to make others’ dreams come true.

Think back to your years in 4-H and the unique opportunities that the 4-H program gave you. Did you have the opportunity to go to college? Did it happen through the assistance of scholarships? Help us send a new generation of 4-H members to college by giving to the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Contact us at Illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu or 217-333-9295.

Why I give...
Illinois 4-H prepares youth to help solve the state’s problems by producing leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, stewards, and builders—always has, always will. So what are the challenges facing our great state, and what is Illinois 4-H doing to address them?

Illinois 4-H recognizes five major emphases that we call our “buckets” of work—work we carry with us daily; work that feeds the eager minds of Illinois youth; work that captures, collects, and focuses our efforts. The impacts of Illinois 4-H programs are seen in these five categories: Workforce Prep, Food Access, Environmental Stewardship, Health, and Leadership.

1. Workforce Prep: Practicing Skills Employers Want

At the current rate of change, in 2018 there will be 3 million fewer workers than the labor market needs, and 72 percent of jobs will require a bachelor’s degree or higher (source: University of Washington). Illinois 4-H is increasing its efforts to prepare youth with skills needed in the workforce, to inspire a new generation of entrepreneurs, and to channel youth to college mentors and experiences that can guide them toward a productive path.

Their work on 4-H projects gives youth a safe place to explore potential careers, meet professionals in jobs of interest, and develop the work ethic and responsibility to be successful in their chosen careers. In a survey of graduating 4-H seniors, 13% already owned a business related to their project work, a credit to 4-H volunteers and staff who support youth in setting and achieving goals. U of I Extension’s Welcome to the Real World vividly teaches youth the correlation between college degrees and careers with higher-paying salaries. Nearly 5,000 youth in 45 Illinois counties participated in this real-life simulation this year, covering typical monthly bills with an income determined by the career they were randomly assigned. More than 80 percent of participants agreed that the program increased their awareness and knowledge of the relationship between education and wage earnings.

Nine of 10 youth in 4-H career programs say they feel CONFIDENT about finding a job, plan to GO TO COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL, know their ACTIONS AND DECISIONS will affect career choices, and BELIEVE they will make a good employee.

Illini Summer Academies, an annual four-day on-campus 4-H conference, allows Illinois youth to experience college life and work side by side with University of Illinois professors and graduate students to explore potential career fields. Each year, more fields of study are added. This year’s academies included aerospace, ag business, ag mechanics, chemistry, creative writing, computer science, digital manufacturing, electrical and computer engineering, human development, molecular and cellular biology, natural resources, plant sciences, and veterinary medicine. Of the 280 youth and volunteers who attended, 95 percent said Illini Summer Academies taught them more about their chosen college major, 89 percent said it taught them more about potential careers related to that major, and 65 percent ranked U of I as their top or one of their top three college choices as a result of their experience. Of the youth registered for the academies, 25 percent were of minority race, with 9 percent self-identifying as Hispanic.

Programs in 4-H STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics—institute a passion for science and science-related careers in 4-H youth. 4-H STEM brings science alive for youth and builds skills for a
competitive job market: critical communication skills; using technologies to explore, communicate, create, and invent; asking questions and defining problems; planning and carrying out investigations; constructing explanations; analyzing and interpreting data; developing solutions. In our statewide survey, we found that Illinois 4-H youth are more likely than their peers nationally to say they want a career related to science when they graduate and to appreciate that science is useful for solving everyday problems.

Nearly 100 robotics or science-related clubs exist in Illinois. The 2015 State 4-H Robotics Competition included 60 teams and 400 youth who, with their teams, programmed robots to complete a series of tasks. This year’s challenge required youth to program two or more robots for simulated Olympic-style events, such as jumping, hanging on rings, and running. 4-H project enrollments related specifically to technology number nearly 50,000. Another 67,000 enrollments are completed in animal science. Science can be tied to every 4-H project, from food to sheep or forestry to woodworking.

National Youth Science Day experiments reach 3,500 youth annually in 150 separate science events across Illinois, with lessons geared toward middle schoolers. The 2015 experiment, Motion Commotion, used toy cars to teach about physics, speed, and safety. The 2014 experiment, Rockets to the Rescue, set youth on a mission to build an aerodynamic food transportation rocket. Following the rocket experiment, 74 percent of the youth agreed that it gave them a chance to think like an engineer. U of I grad and astronaut Colonel Mike Hopkins even sent a personal video encouraging Illinois 4-H youth “[h]ope[s] that it ignites a spark of discovery that leads you, through hard work and commitment to your education, down a road of innovation for tomorrow’s problems and maybe into a spacecraft of exploration journeying through our solar system and universe.”

Food Access: Growing and Distributing Food to Communities in Need

Children can’t learn if they’re hungry. Although Illinois is a leading producer of agricultural commodities, one in five Illinois children experiences hunger—nearly 750,000 of our state’s youth. 4-H is helping youth understand where their food comes from, inspiring them to pursue interest in agriculture, and creating opportunities for them to lead change as they advocate for food-secure communities.

4-H Feeding and Growing Our Community programs take many forms. Since the first event in August 2013, Illinois 4-H members have packaged 313,652 meals in partnership with Illini Fighting Hunger, and that number should reach nearly 350,000 by the end of 2015. For some counties, the response to food insecurity has been community gardens planted, tended, and harvested by 4-H members and volunteers. Other counties have focused on collecting contributions for local food pantries. 4-H groups are preparing monthly meals for the hungry and filling weekend backpacks with food for their peers. 4-H Teen Teachers are teaching cooking skills to youth using produce from 4-H’s own community gardens. Illinois 4-H members are demonstrating generosity through their actions, learning to be leaders in a battle that impacts Illinois daily. 4-H clubs are making service a way of life, donating nearly 20,700 hours of service addressing hunger in their communities the past three years and getting food to where it’s needed most. In 2015, clubs in 24 counties donated over 4,700 pounds of fresh produce. Actions of 1,230 youth and adults in the 4-H Feeding and Growing Our Community program impacted the lives of 2,000 Illinois residents.

4-H continues to steward the safe production and preparation of food in its project work in livestock, crops, and nutrition. Of the 303,827 4-H project enrollments this year, more than 148,000—nearly half—were tied to safe food production or food nutrition. From our statewide survey, we learned that youth believe that 4-H livestock projects have taught them responsibility and ethics,
Building a Better World Through 4-H (continued)

helped build their confidence and social skills, and helped them serve their community. Consistently, Illinois teams competing in national judging contests place in the top of the field. This year saw the birth of the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team, 20 youth who are telling the story of Illinois agriculture to a population becoming farther removed from the source of its food.

A special grant from the BRANDT Foundation expanded Ag in the Classroom, through which specially trained 4-H Teen Teachers present a series of lessons to help children learn where their food comes from and the importance of Illinois agriculture in our everyday lives. Through this effort, 135 4-H Teen Teachers in 18 counties presented hands-on activities centered on agriculture at 56 different sites, impacting 2,080 youth with a combined 12,500 hours of greater agricultural understanding.

Environment: Stewarding the Natural Resources of Illinois

Why should we protect the environment? If you like to breathe, to drink, to eat, to relax, then you already know the answer. Our very lives are inseparable from the health of our planet. Though many speak of saving the world for future generations, Illinois 4-H believes we should be saving it for the current generation.

Think Green engages youth in investigating how living things interact with each other and with their environment. The program includes four tracks: worms, butterflies, insects, and Nature Detectives. Each track follows a sequence of four 40- to 60-minute investigations; youth practice observation skills, conduct hands-on investigations with living things, explore different life cycles, identify how living things function/adapt/change, and compare how living things interact with each other and with their environment. New this year, Nature Detectives engages youth in learning about their natural environment. The program is free to any classroom or afterschool group.

As 4-H Citizen Scientists, youth work in streams near home to monitor water quality. The information they collect is added to data from others around the state to help improve the conditions of our waterways and streams in Illinois. Training is provided in partnership with Illinois RiverWatch.

Youth involved in 4-H camping programs not only enjoy their outdoor experiences, but they believe that environmental science is fun. Eight of 10 campers surveyed were more excited about helping care for the environment following their camping experiences and wanted to do more environmental science activities when they go home. In 2015, more than 8,000 people from 125 camping programs were served by 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello during a 200-day period between April and October. 4-H camping programs are also offered in other areas of the state.

The 4-H Shooting Sports program continues to expand the number of youth and volunteers involved. Since 2009, 800 adult volunteers have been certified in at least one of five disciplines: archery, hunting and wildlife, rifle, shotgun, and program coordinator. Shooting sports instructors must attend a weekend training session at their own expense in each discipline they teach. In 2015 youth enrolled in 5,200 shooting sports projects, and Illinois took its first team to national competition. The four-member archery team captured sixth place out of 28 state entries. Safety is a prime consideration in all 4-H shooting sports training, along with caring for and

4-H Citizen Scientists aren’t afraid to get their hands dirty as they explore local rivers and streams collecting data.
appreciating the environment in which participants hunt.

Illinois youth took more than 46,000 4-H environmental study projects, from conservation to recreational outdoor activities. 4-H teaches youth the responsibilities that are ours as we live, work, and enjoy our natural resources. 4-H members study the impact of chemical runoff as they grow crops to feed the world. Youth enrolled in animal production practice safe medication procedures to provide a safe consumer product. Young entomologists understand the importance of insects, including bees, to the web of life. Forestry projects help youth see the importance of trees for clean air. In a 2014 survey, seven out of 10 youth in 4-H have ideas about ways they can care for the environment.

Over the past three decades, childhood obesity rates in America have tripled, and today nearly one in three children in America is overweight or obese. If things remain as they are today, one-third of all children born in the year 2000 or later may suffer from diabetes at some point in their lives, while many others are likely to face chronic health problems such as heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, and asthma. Physical activity and proper nutrition provide long-term health benefits for everyone who practices them. Regular physical activity can prevent chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, and stroke; control weight; and strengthen bodies. Illinois 4-H is teaching young people about the importance of healthy eating and physical activity.

4-H Health Jam partners with community health professionals to teach young people how to keep their bodies healthy, engage in a variety of daily physical activities, and make healthy food choices. The program reached 2,400 youth in 2014, led by 51 4-H Teen Teachers and 360 volunteers. The youth walked, danced, and exercised their way to better health as they learned about careers in the health field.

Health Rocks aims to reduce youth smoking and tobacco use, helps youth build life skills that lead to healthy lifestyle choices, and builds enduring partnerships with at-risk youth and caring adult mentors who can help guide youth to productive lives. Since its inception in late 2013, Health Rocks has engaged more than 1,100 young people.

In summer nutrition programs, nearly 300 4-H Teen Teachers and more than 200 volunteers donned aprons to help almost 2,500 youth learn to prepare healthy meals as part of the ConAgra national grant program. 4-H Project enrollment in foods, nutrition, and health projects numbered 21,683 in 2015.

Through the 2015 4-H Food Smart Families summer cooking schools, over 2,400 youth learned how to prepare simple meals and snacks from healthy, whole foods.

Health: Influencing Positive Choices for Healthy Living

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Leadership: Making a Difference in Local, State, National, and Global Issues

While speaking to policy makers at the state capitol during Legislative Connection, these teen leaders had a chance to meet some young 4-H members from the Chicagoland area who were also visiting the capitol.

Impact, Advising Partnering Councils, Mentoring Peers, or Teaching Others. What has this new awareness gained us? More first-generation 4-H youth starting their 4-H careers as teenagers, more 4-H members staying in 4-H longer, 4-H teens more engaged and more challenged by their 4-H experience. More of everything that we want . . . and that they want. Want proof? In 2015, 800 more youth from 13 to 18 enrolled in 4-H than in 2014.

What are our teens saying? Over 90 percent of 4-H teens reported increased CONFIDENCE (they can stand up for things that are important to them), PROBLEM SOLVING (they know how to make alternative plans if something doesn’t work), TEAMWORK (they can work with others to solve problems), OPEN-MINDEDNESS (they are willing to consider the ideas of others even if they differ from their own), LEADERSHIP (they can lead a group in making a decision), and COOPERATION (they can work successfully with adults in 4-H who care about them and who allow them to make decisions).

The fastest-growing segment of teen leadership, 4-H Teen Teachers, is diverse: 46 percent black, 54 percent white, 5 percent Asian, 5 percent American Indian or Alaskan native, 3 percent other (selection of multiple races was allowed). 4-H Teen Teachers numbered more than 550 in 2015; 43 percent are brand-new to 4-H, while another 43 percent have three or more years of 4-H experience. 4-H Teen Teachers develop, plan, and select lessons, many in areas of STEM, food production, agriculture, and nutrition. 4-H Teen Teachers teach, collaborate, reflect, and debrief as a team with their teen partners and their adult mentor.

If you are motivated to contribute to any of our five buckets of work, Illinois 4-H invites you to lend a hand. Earmark your donation to a specific project, volunteer your time locally to a project, help us tell the Illinois 4-H story by contacting your local legislators, or encourage a child you know to join the local 4-H program.

In 2015, Illinois 4-H refined the six teen leadership opportunities available to Illinois 4-H members. One size doesn’t fit all, in shoes or in leadership. Some youth love to teach, while others prefer to plan events or speak in public. Acknowledging this simple fact — one size doesn’t fit all — radically changed the way Illinois 4-H interacts with teenagers. Youth pick what they like best: Advocating for Change, Planning Activities, Promoting 4-H.
The fast-paced, fast-food culture of our society is having a negative impact on the health of young people and families. Recent studies show that families spend more income on restaurant-prepared meals than they do on food to prepare meals at home. Those restaurant-prepared meals are typically higher than home-prepared meals in calories, saturated fat, sugar, and sodium. A regular diet of these can lead to chronic health problems, even in young people. Illinois 4-H and the University of Illinois Extension SNAP Ed program are using a time-honored tradition to reverse these trends. Partnering with 4-H Teen Teachers, they are teaching young people how to prepare simple meals and snacks from healthy, whole foods through 4-H Food Smart Families cooking schools. Participants then share their food preparation skills and nutrition knowledge with their families, influencing healthy changes in family eating habits. The 4-H Food Smart Families cooking schools are supported by a $135,000 grant from the ConAgra Foundation through National 4-H Council.

During the week-long schools, children learned cooking skills and prepared a different dish each day. At ConAgra’s suggestion, each week the children received the ingredients for two of the recipes to take home and prepare with their families. Illinois 4-H also provided each participant basic cooking utensils, a kid-friendly recipe book, a 4-H Food Smart Families apron, and a 4-H Cooking 101 manual. That allowed the new cooks to share with their families what they had learned, including information on healthy eating, food safety, and food budgeting. The children made a difference. Eighty-six percent of the families reported they purchased healthier foods after the cooking school.

4-H Teen Teachers were a key ingredient to the program’s success. Since May 2015, 315 teens have served as teachers and role models to 2,400 youth from diverse communities throughout Illinois. The Teen Teachers participated in 20 hours of training to learn effective ways to teach young people, basic food preparation skills, nutrition education, and food budgeting practices. They went on to volunteer 8,750 hours over the summer to lead and teach the week-long cooking schools, with assistance from the SNAP Ed and 4-H staff.

The teens have been more than teachers to the children participating in the program. That they are also role models is easily seen in the children’s interaction with them. The children loved talking and sharing stories with the teens; they mimicked the teens’ behaviors; they laughed and played with the teens between learning activities; and they were sad to lose their new connections at the end of the week.

In the program evaluations, the teens shared how rewarding the teaching experience was for them. They know they have made a difference in the lives of children. These experiences helped prepare the teens for ongoing leadership roles in their schools and communities, instill in them the desire to give back to their community, and develop workforce readiness skills.
For over 100 years, 4-H has taught youth to “learn by doing.” We proudly invite youth to try new ideas and share what they learned through their clubs, their communities, and their 4-H exhibitions. 4-H is taking what we do best and spreading the spark of learning to more audiences, using the resources of the Maker Movement network to bring new ideas to our youth. Together, 4-H and the Maker Movement are poised to bring our youth skills to succeed.

A hallmark of the Maker Movement is sharing your ideas at a “Maker Faire.” 4-H already has the concept of fair exhibits down, and the Maker Faire draws an audience that may not know 4-H. Both Macon County and Cook County partner with community organizations to host and participate in Maker Faires. In November, when Barnes and Noble stores hosted Maker Faires throughout the country, 4-H clubs exhibited in Will County, Peoria County, and Kane County. The beauty of this movement is its diversity: 4-Hers display their 3-D scanning projects next to adults involved in urban gardening. Youth and adults share and play together, learning from each other in the same spirit that the 4-H program began with years ago.

The Maker Movement recognizes the importance of the same projects taught to youth through 4-H for decades. Sewing, cooking, and gardening skills are as important today as ever. Emulating the Maker Movement’s spark of creativity and innovation, 4-H can now teach sewing using wearable technology, cooking using 3-D food printers, and basic soldering skills for new applications.

Already, 4-H and the Maker Movement are making an impact in Illinois:

- In partnership with the Peoria Riverfront Museum and River City Labs maker space, Peoria County 4-Hers built three-dimensional dinosaurs with moving parts for a museum exhibit.
- In Will County and Macon County, 4-H 3-D printing maker camps taught youth how to 3-D-print the creations they designed on the Minecraft computer game.
- Peoria County 4-Hers are building their own 3-D printers in a 4-H Maker Club.
- Will County 4-Hers learn creative electronics, connecting LED lights to clothing, origami, and other creations.
- Effingham County 4-Hers are using an Arduino-compatible robot called the RedBot to compete in 4-H Robotics competitions.
- Through an Illinois 4-H Foundation grant from AT&T, Illinois 4-H designed a 4-H Clover “blinky badge” that is used in a teen-led soldering activity. To date, 1,000 youth have learned to solder using these kits. (Previously, kits were purchased and had no 4-H identification.)
- With the same AT&T grant, Illinois 4-H bought 30 Arduino-based kits that let youth explore programmable electronics and flashing LEDs, making programmable night lights and turning on a fan as a room warms up.

4-H continues “To Make the Best Better.” Our partnership in the Maker Movement allows 4-H members to grow, expand, and innovate, sharing with others and learning from others. Who knows where the ideas will lead in the next 100 years?
Taking Teen Leadership to the Next Level: A Look at Illinois 4-H Teen Mentors

Illinois 4-H has teen leadership down to a science. The nationally recognized 4-H Teens As Leaders program offers six ways teens can align their talents with their interests: Advocating, Advising, Mentoring, Planning, Promoting, and Teaching. Two examples of 4-H Teen Mentors are Tech Wizards and 4-H camp counseling.

With funding from National 4-H Council by way of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Illinois is using 4-H teens as mentors to change the lives of at-risk youth. Through the Tech Wizards program, teens build mentoring relationships with youth while teaching them skills in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Tech Wizards is currently active in seven U of I Extension units throughout the state, and three units have used Teen Mentors in Winnebago, Lake, Pulaski, and Alexander counties.

Teens are recruited to teach STEM educational programming while serving as mentors for four youth each. The program overlaps two school years, starting in January and running through December. 4-H teens work with program participants one or two times a week during school months, then volunteer with day camp programming throughout the summer. In southern Illinois, elementary and middle school youth received hands-on experience in STEM-focused projects, such as 3-D printers and robotics. Since they start off in the classroom learning the material they will later teach, 4-H Teen Mentors are both participant and teacher. A 4-H Teen Mentor said her favorite part of the program was “getting the chance to be the leader and the participant, not just the participant.”

4-H camp counselors also teach campers a wide range of activities, from model rocketry to flower arranging and electricity to canoeing, but their main job is being role models and mentors to the young participants.

Every aspect of a counselor’s demeanor and attitude is seen by the youth at camp, said director Curt Sinclair. “Counselors are those individuals that the campers look up to and want to be,” Sinclair said.

“I enjoyed the relationship I created with campers,” one counselor said. “I got to watch kids grow over a week and become more independent.”

Every behavior, large or small, of the counselors is absorbed by the highly impressionable youth: how to be on time to an activity, how to share and compromise, how to be gracious winners. “I’m here because of the effects I’ve had on campers,” another 4-H counselor said. “Teaching them about resilience and self-reliance showed me how much a camper can take away from a week at camp.”

While counselors are teaching the campers valuable life skills, they are also gaining many skills of their own. “I have personally gained experience interacting with children and in problem solving and conflict resolution,” another counselor said. “Working at 4-H camp has also helped me solidify my decision to work with children when I get older.”

4-H Memorial Camp Counselors mentor younger camp participants to try new things, work together, and think outside the box.

Zion Central Middle School Tech Wizards are challenged to create a bridge that will hold as many bottles of water as possible—using only eight sheets of copy paper. After much deliberation, trial, error, and fun: success!
A new partnership among University of Illinois Extension, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and Illinois Master Naturalists was formed to connect 4-H youth with their environment.

### Pathways to Science Through Nature

This past year, 24 Master Naturalists from around the state attended training to learn about two curriculums: Nature Detectives and Habitat Connections. Meghan Bowe, a U of I Extension coordinator from Winnebago County who went through the program, said, “The programs provided a ‘real’ science connection as well as an opportunity for youth to participate in a citizen-science initiative.”

According to Bill Million, University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development specialist, “Citizen science is one of Illinois 4-H’s efforts to engage youth in real-world data collection.” It encourages youth to “connect with their environment and the natural world around them.” Through citizen science, youth can see their impact on a larger body of scientific work through participation and observation.

The Nature Detectives curriculum gets young people outdoors to explore local habitats through hands-on activities. The lessons get youth outside looking at their world through a different lens. Youth partake in nature investigations and learn what makes a good habitat for animals. Master Naturalist Sandy Lu Newport engaged youth in outdoor hands-on activities through the Nature Detectives 4-H SPIN Club that she led. “The curriculum encourages the participants to consider how all things are interconnected,” Newport said.

Youth begin by exploring habitat and the four things animals need for a good habitat. “They get to apply what they are learning in science class to make a real impact on the natural areas around them and participate in a service project toward that goal,” Newport said. Working in groups, they take turns speaking and developing leadership and public speaking skills as they learn together.

With funding from a grant from the Illinois 4-H Foundation, a Nature Detective 4-H Club in Champaign County inspired youth to investigate the environment around them.

A second aspect of 4-H Pathways to Science through Nature focuses on the Habitat Connections curriculum, which encourages students to think critically about local conservation issues. For example, youth may focus on helping birds in their community by planting trees, cleaning shorelines, and building bird boxes. They track migratory birds and are able to connect with kids from different countries.

For Master Naturalist Meghan Bowe, “one of the most enjoyable things about the program is watching kids connect to nature and their environment.” Her goal, she said, is to “excite kids about science, expose them to new experiences, and build confidence through positive teaching and mentoring.”

Illinois 4-H is developing the next generation of bird watchers and scientists. Through the Great Backyard Bird Count, Illinois 4-H members learn how to identify birds and enter their data in a national database. They watch for birds at least 15 minutes a day for four days and enter their findings online.

New Citizen Scientist and Nature Detective 4-H clubs are just beginning to gain popularity and momentum, helping youth find a new pathway to a science career, one that takes them outside into their own backyards.
Project Partner funds allowed the 4-H Teen Teacher program to grow from 50 teens in our pilot year to 525 just two years later. And it’s not just the teens who are benefiting. Each teen is reaching out to new peer audiences with lessons on agriculture, science and technology, nutrition, and creative arts. Illinois 4-H is growing exponentially from the work of 4-H Teen Teachers.

Project Partner funds help Extension staff meet an ever-growing audience need for workplace development and college readiness programs. By 2018, 72 percent of jobs will require a bachelor’s degree or higher. Programs such as Illini Summer Academies are expanding to new youth by recruiting additional campus departments to partner with Illinois 4-H.

Project Partner businesses are reaching new audiences every time Extension welcomes a new 4-H member to the family. Illinois 4-H families are grateful for the unconditional support they receive from our 4-H Project Partners.

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The Illinois 4-H Robotics program continues to grow and impact the lives of 4-H members in Illinois. In the past year, enrollment in robotics projects has grown by 25 percent, from 2,400 youth to 3,000. Through 4-H Special Interest (SPIN) Club Equipment grants provided by the Illinois 4-H Foundation, an additional 13 new robotics and technology clubs have been started, primarily in rural areas of the state. Several other SPIN clubs were able to expand their membership with equipment grants. State 4-H extension robotics educator Bob Smith held multiple workshops and trainings throughout Illinois to spur interest in robotics and start new clubs. At one of these trainings, 60 teens in Pulaski and surrounding counties were trained on the basics of robot programming, and these teens then led camps throughout the summer.

"Teens are ideal volunteers for robotics clubs because they are comfortable with technology," Smith said. "Teen trainings were two hours in length and covered the same amount of material I usually cover in four hours for adults."

This growth in robotics interest has been matched with a growth in participation in the Illinois 4-H State Robotics competition, from 43 teams and 220 youth in 2014 to 60 teams and 400 youth in 2015. This year’s robotics challenge was designed by a committee of teens, 4-H robotics alumni, and 4-H volunteers. This Game Design Committee met several times by Skype to design an Olympic sports–themed competition where robots ran track and performed gymnastic events, figure skating, and ski jumping. Teams were encouraged to wear country-themed costumes and decorate their fields with country-specific themes. The committee also responded to questions posed by teams.

Through a National 4-H Council grant, 80 clubs with 780 youth were started from 2013 to 2015 in the Chicago collar counties. These clubs participated in Robotics Showcase events last spring in Waukegan, Elgin, Chicago, and Joliet, demonstrating their mastery of robotics and their ability to work together as a team to solve problems. Youth who participated in the clubs were surveyed: 72% reported they would like to receive a science kit as a gift; 55% expressed a desire to finish college; and 38% reported a desire to get more education after college. These events were similar to the Illinois 4-H State Robotics Challenge; most were organized and run by high school robotics clubs that participate in FIRST competitions.

FIRST Robotics, a national partner with 4-H, organizes four different robotics competitions for youth ages 6 to 18. Illinois 4-H clubs participate in several of these events. The FIRST event growing the most in popularity with 4-H clubs is FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC), for youth in 7th through 12th grades. In 2013, five of the 70 FTC teams in Illinois were 4-H clubs, and that number grew to 15 of 120 teams this year. A 4-H club leader from Macon County, Sue Kunzman, is a state organizer for FTC and has helped increase the number of participating 4-H clubs.

According to Bob Smith, "FTC provides an opportunity for 4-H members to continue their robotics activities through high school while providing a level of competition not available through the Illinois 4-H Robotics Competition." For the second year in a row, the got robot? 4-H FTC team from Elgin was one of the teams representing Illinois at the FIRST World Championships in St. Louis.
Creating a Place for All Illinois Youth
#estoes4H: Latino 4-H clubs know #thats4H, too

We know that 4-H changes lives. We also know that some children never get to experience its influence. Illinois 4-H is driven to ensure that all children in Illinois have the opportunity to improve their lives through the life-changing benefits of being in a 4-H club program with adult leaders who care about them and guide them toward successful careers and fulfilling lives.

For that to become reality, University of Illinois Extension added staff in areas most underserved compared to the potential youth audience. Youth educators were added in 13 key metro areas. In 2015, Illinois 4-H began adding staff in nine rural counties with at least 10 percent Latino youth: Boone, Bureau, Cass, DeKalb, Grundy, LaSalle, Ogle, Warren, and Whiteside.

Coordinating the Latino initiative at the State 4-H office is Ricardo Diaz. Diaz works in each community to identify key Latino leaders. They help him identify bilingual, bicultural residents who might help bring 4-H to these first-generation families.

“It is amazing how Latino parents of children who were not previously engaged in 4-H have embraced our program and are excited to work together to provide their children with learning opportunities,” said Jael Monteagudo, new Latino program coordinator in Boone County. “Some mothers have stepped up to teach art, dance, and sewing, while others have volunteered to send reminder texts and make phone calls for meetings to other parents to promote regular attendance.”

If that sounds like the 4-H club you’re used to hearing about, you’re right. While the audience is new, the program relies on the same sound youth development concepts that have built the strong 100-year 4-H tradition. Monteagudo and the other part-time program coordinators for the Latino pilot were challenged to start at least one new 4-H community club in their rural communities last year. As members registered their clubs in the second year of the pilot, Monteagudo is optimistic about the work done to encourage Latino youth to join 4-H. Latino participation in Illinois 4-H clubs grew by 25 percent in 2015.

The “#thats4H” marketing campaign now includes “#estoes4H”—because whatever your language, the benefits of 4-H are universal.

Allowing families to preview 4-H activities has been a great way to show all that the program has to offer in Boone County.

A creative way to introduce 4-H to new Latino families—youth enjoy using family keepsakes as part of their 4-H scrapbooking group project.

Although most of the youth are fluent in English, many speak Spanish at home with their families. Diaz has worked to ensure that families understand important 4-H concepts by providing key documents, such as the 4-H pledge, in Spanish. The “#thats4H” marketing campaign now includes “#estoes4H”—because whatever your language, the benefits of 4-H are universal.
Time and again, innovative Illinois programs such as 4-H SPIN clubs and 4-H Teen Teachers have been adopted by national 4-H and state 4-H programs across the country. Lisa Bouillion Diaz, University of Illinois Extension assistant dean and director of the Illinois 4-H program, credits the organization’s exceptional team of youth development professionals for that national acclaim.

“The continued growth and innovation of Illinois 4-H is a testament to our exceptional staff across the state. They are experts in their field and continually adapting to the changing needs of today’s youth,” Diaz said.

“Several publications from Illinois have gone through rigorous national peer review and been selected for national distribution,” Diaz said. *Power of the Wind, Cooking 101-401,* and *Welcome to 4-H* are examples of Illinois curriculum adopted for sale nationally. Other 4-H youth development programs, such as *Welcome to the Real World, Breaking the Code,* and the 4-H Teen Leadership Framework, have also been adopted by other state 4-H programs.

“Enrollment in Illinois 4-H grows each year, and our evaluations demonstrate the positive impacts for youth in our clubs and programs,” Diaz said. “4-H staff in every county are stewarding a high quality program in service of the goal to help every youth reach her or his fullest potential.”

Illinois 4-H was in the spotlight at the annual conference of National Association of Extension 4-H Agents held in October in Portland, Oregon. Eleven staff members received recognition for outstanding programming and marketing efforts, and others were selected to teach new 4-H program efforts on this national platform.

National winners were selected first as award winners in Illinois, then in the 12-state North Central region. Winning the national Educational Technology Team Award were Diaz; Madonna Weese, U of I Extension 4-H youth development specialist; and Erica Austin, Diane Baker, Jamie Boas, Alvarez Dixon, and Judy Schmidt, all U of I Extension 4-H youth development educators.

Judy Mae Bingman, U of I Extension media and communication specialist for 4-H, received the Communication Promotional Piece Award for a marketing brochure aimed at increasing 4-H membership.

Two teams also received North Central regional honors. For excellence in urban 4-H programming, Megan Walsh, Robert Smith, Sandra Prez, Lisa Diaz, Donna Nuger, and Leonard Parker were honored. Parker and Prez also received the regional Excellence in Team Work Award.

Several Extension 4-H youth educators were recognized for their years of service: Jamie Boas and Leah Miller, three to seven years; Amy Leman and Judy Schmidt, seven or more years; and Jessie Crews, more than 30 years.

In addition to receiving awards, 26 Illinois Extension staff members were selected through peer review to present workshops during the national conference. Only about a third of more than 400 applications were accepted.

“People are our greatest resource within 4-H. In Illinois we are fortunate to have highly skilled staff at every level, combined with a dedicated and expert pool of volunteers and involved families. This recipe will continue to produce outstanding programs that prepare Illinois youth for a successful future.”
Illinois 4-H is helping youth of all ages prepare for their futures. Middle schoolers are interacting with college professors, business owners, and entrepreneurs in summer programs helping them become career-ready. High school teens are engaging in multimonth experiences where they not only develop their personal leadership styles but put them into action. Thanks to the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, Illinois 4-H youth are experiencing amazing personal growth.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation’s 4-H Program Grants support innovative projects promoting the 4-H mission and positive youth development experiences. Up to $1,200 per county is available for programs that otherwise might not be possible in many counties. The target is innovative local projects addressing needs such as career readiness, healthy living, science, technology, engineering, math, and/or 4-H club expansion.

In Calhoun, Cass, Greene, Morgan, and Scott counties, middle school youth experienced college dorm living last summer while getting firsthand experience in activities related to careers in science, art, photography, graphic design, and healthy living. This 4-H program grant created an excellent avenue for professors, business owners, and entrepreneurs to engage one-on-one with 4-H youth. Jacksonville artist Allison Pratt shared that “I always love meeting kids that maybe I can encourage and inspire to follow a passion they have.”

4-H youth from Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell counties followed a similar track during their 4G (Girls + Games + Gadgets = Genius) STEM Camp this summer, where community partners came together to engage girls in STEM experiences. The Bradley University Center for STEM Education, the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, the Champaign-Urbana Community Fab Lab, and University of Illinois Extension collaborated on the camp for middle schoolers. Fifty-six girls participated in one of two tracks, which included site visits to AutonomousStuff, CSE Software, Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center, and USDA Research Services.

STEM learning experiences were also the focus in Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, and Wayne counties, where elementary and middle school youth engaged in hands-on learning experiences. Youth development educator Leah Miller has found the number of youth who complete projects in robotics and aerospace in their unit is small compared with the number that enroll. Connecting youth with caring adults who led them through 4-H Tech Fest and Science Adventure activities resulted in more youth demonstrating skills gained. A new Science Engineering SPIN Club was also formed, which has 20 new 4-H members. Their volunteer leader has identified field trips the club will be taking to local businesses where 4-H members can see robotics in action, such as a Wal-Mart distribution center and a Toyota factory.
Youth Represent Illinois at National 4-H Gatherings

National 4-H Congress

Twenty-six youth represented Illinois at the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, held just after Thanksgiving. The delegates were chosen as State 4-H Award winners in areas ranging from engineering to community involvement and global awareness. Workshops at Congress ranged from The Power of Service Learning to The Healthy Gourmet to Pilates and Irish Dance. The group also had the opportunity to hear Dr. Eugen Schoenfeld, a Holocaust survivor, talk about his experiences and the impact of the Holocaust on the world. Youth toured sites including the Georgia Aquarium, CNN, the World of Coke, and the Atlanta Zoo. The Illinois 4-H Foundation was able to offset the cost for these outstanding Illinois 4-H members because of your donor support.

National 4-H Dairy Conference

Two delegates were selected to represent Illinois at the 60th annual National Dairy Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, in conjunction with October's World Dairy Expo. Elizabeth Brackney of Effingham County and Brock Irwin of Boone County represented Illinois with support from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. The delegates learned about the dairy industry, marketing, product development, herd management, biotechnology, farm finance, and much more.

National 4-H Conference

4-H members from across the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico gather at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, every year to learn about civic engagement. Six 4-H members from Illinois attended National 4-H Conference this year, joining other youth to create action plans to present to partners in the federal Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Energy.

Illinois delegate Jill Parrent was involved in the Future of Agriculture Roundtable. “After being a part of the agricultural congressional hearing,” Parrent says, “I have begun thinking about changing my possible career choice; my curiosity has been piqued to be an agricultural policy maker.” The six Illinois 4-H delegates will use the skills developed from attending the national conference by creating a special followup project. The trip was made possible through funding from the Illinois 4-H Foundation and the State 4-H Office.
Why I give...

Sondra Urish of Monmouth, Illinois; 6-year Marshall County 4-H member

Why do you give to the Illinois 4-H Foundation?

My family grew up in the 4-H program, and our passion for it continued at the University of Illinois, where my siblings and I all lived at 4-H House. 4-H taught me life skills that have led to many of my successes. I choose to support Illinois 4-H because it was a very important youth program in my life, and I want future generations to have the same opportunity I did.

How do you give back to the Illinois 4-H Foundation?

While I was a U of I student I learned about 4-H Special Interest (SPIN) Clubs from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. I thought it would be great to start one in the Champaign-Urbana community. I worked with the local 4-H Extension office to create a baking SPIN club, where youth ages 8 to 10 learned kitchen basics and baked many treats.

After graduation, I began to give to the Illinois 4-H Foundation scholarship fund to help the dreams of 4-Hers to obtain higher level education and make a difference in the world become reality. Given the great experiences I had in 4-H during my youth, I plan to be a lifetime donor and volunteer with the 4-H clubs in my community so that upcoming generations have the same great experience.

Citizenship Washington Focus

If there is one trip that youth name again and again as a highlight to their 4-H career, it’s Citizenship Washington Focus. In light of renewed interest, Illinois has resumed yearly trips, this year taking 23 youth thanks to financial support from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. While in Washington, youth tour the city, learning about youth advocacy and the difference they can make in their own communities. Delegates research and debate congressional bills, and Illinois delegates meet with legislators to discuss Illinois 4-H.

(Top) At Citizenship Washington Focus, the Illinois 4-H delegation toured memorials, museums, and notable sites, including the Supreme Court, shown here.

(Left) Illinois delegate Thaddeus Hughes of McLean County spoke on various congressional bills during delegates’ own debates.
National 4-H Horse Bowl

The Illinois 4-H State Horse Bowl team earned reserve championship honors at the All American Quarter Horse Congress Contest in Columbus, Ohio, in October and later placed fifth at the Eastern National 4-H Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky. From left: Aubrey Sieve, Nora James, Greta Rauch, Angela Rauch, and Paige Hardy, all of DuPage County. The team is coached by Laura James.

National 4-H Meat Judging Contest

The Illinois 4-H team finished in 14th place at the National 4-H Meat Judging and Identification Contest held in conjunction with the October American Royal Livestock Show in Manhattan, Kansas. From left: Cody Hadden, Mandy Jackson, Lauren Hadden, and Chase Tomhave, all of Morgan County.

Illinois 4-H Teams Excel at National Livestock Events

The Illinois 4-H Foundation was able to provide over $60,000 to teams to represent Illinois 4-H at national contests.

National 4-H Dairy Judging

The Illinois 4-H team placed seventh at the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. From left: Dave Fischer, coach; Riley Zettle of Stephenson County, Amanda Ruhl of Knox County, T.J. Wingert of Stephenson County, and Sadie Ropp of Livingston County.

National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest

The Illinois 4-H team earned second place at the National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest held in conjunction with the November North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. From left: Maddie Fugate of Marion County, Justene Jennings of DeKalb County, Adrian Austin of Marion County, and Thomas Chrome of Clark County; (standing) Eric Fugate, coach.
An Illinois 4-H member placed eighth out of 65 contestants at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference held in November in Louisville, Kentucky. Hunter Bolen, 16, is a member of the Blue Ribbon Kids 4-H Club in McLean County. The Illinois 4-H poultry judging team placed 10th out of 16 teams in the contest.

National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

The Illinois 4-H team placed fifth out of 16 states in the National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl held in November in Louisville, Kentucky. Front (from left): Dave Fischer, coach; Becky Meier of Stephenson County, assistant coach; Elizabeth Koester; back: Brock Irwin of Boone County; Bria Koester of Stephenson County; and Julia Mitchell of Winnebago County.

National Livestock Judging Team

The Illinois 4-H team earned second place at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. Front (from left): Seyarra Ruddy of Livingston County; Megan Myerscough of Champaign County; Lauren Burris of Logan County; Kagney Collins of Livingston County; back: Jordan Rauch, coach; Jacob Hinshaw of McLean County; Easton Beard of Knox County; Buddy Haas, assistant coach.

National 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The Illinois 4-H Horse Judging Team claimed the reserve championship team award at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky in November. From left: Addie Shotts of Clark County, Grayson Cottrell of Livingston County, Olivia Reed of Monroe County, McKenna Lindsey of McLean County, and Paul Rogers, coach.

National 4-H Horse Hippology Contest

The Illinois State 4-H horse hippology team defeated 17 teams from around the country to claim first place in the national contest during the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in November in Louisville, Kentucky. From left: Emily Shilling of Edwards County, Josa Comstock of McHenry County, Maddie Henderson of Clinton County, Lauren Cisna of Knox County, and Dana Taylor, coach.
Scholarships Awarded

**Top 4-Hers Awarded Scholarships**

Eight Illinois 4-H members were selected from more than 90 applicants to receive a $1,000 scholarship from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. The Legacy of Leadership Scholarship is awarded based on the applicant’s lifetime 4-H accomplishments, leadership, community service, and educational goals.

The Legacy of Leadership scholarships were provided by generous donations from Lila Jeanne Eichelberger, Farm Credit Illinois, Keith Parr, Tim and Belinda Carey, Kevin Carey, Dorsey Dee Murray, the Nellie R. McCannon Trust, Nann Armstrong, and the 4-H Legacy of Leadership Endowment.

**State 4-H Livestock Scholarship Awarded**

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship, sponsored by LA-CO Industries, was awarded to Katie Miller for her outstanding work in the livestock project area. Miller, of Cambridge in Henry County, is a 10-year member of the Cambridge Champs 4-H Club; she plans to attend Black Hawk College to study agricultural science before pursuing a bachelor’s degree in agricultural business. “I know 4-H is a great opportunity for youth,” Miller said, “and I would like to help the youth of my community become involved.”

Katie Miller of Cambridge received the Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship.

**Why I give...**

Brian Moeller of Clarendon Hills, Illinois; 9-year DeKalb County Waterman Winners 4-H club member and DeKalb County 4-H Federation

**Why do you give to the Illinois 4-H Foundation?**

My wife and I choose to support 4-H because of the excellent way it instills and develops responsibility, self-confidence, pride in your accomplishments, and, most of all, leadership skills that last a lifetime.

**How do you give back to the Illinois 4-H Foundation?**

I have been able to give back to Illinois 4-H in many ways, including working with 4-Hers in my local community in Cook County and giving annually to the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

If you are interested in helping make more scholarships available to outstanding 4-Hers, please contact us at illinois4hfoundation@illinois.edu or 217-333-9295.

The 2015 4-H Legacy of Leadership Scholarship winners include (from left) Angelica Lebron of Bolingbrook in Will County, Kevin Kappenman of Decatur in Macon County, Rhiannon Branch of Luka in Marion County, Anthony Warmack of Marseilles in Grundy County, Morgan Rich of Mackinaw in Woodford County, and Cameron Parks of Bloomington in McLean County. Not pictured: Thaddeus Hughes of Shirley in McLean County and Emily Irwin of Belvidere in Boone County.
The Illinois 4-H Foundation annually recognizes one 4-H volunteer per county as a Hall of Fame winner for exemplary service to the program. This year, more than 800 supporters watched the induction of 70 new members, the largest class to date, into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame.

This year marked the 11-year anniversary of the award. The ceremony was held August 15 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, on the Director of Agriculture’s lawn. “These long-time volunteers fully embody what 4-H strives to instill in youth,” said Angie Barnard, director of the Illinois 4-H Foundation. “They are caring, dedicated, generous leaders, and the Illinois 4-H Foundation is extremely proud to be able to provide this honor to each and every one of them to thank them for their service to this wonderful organization.”

For a list of all inductees since 2005, visit http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/hall-fame-award/list.

Collectively, the Spangler family has 141 years of 4-H membership, 121 years of club leadership, and 147 years of 4-H volunteerism since the early 1920s. “At every level and in every generation, Spangler family members have sought to make 4-H a guiding part of their family and community,” said Holly Spangler.

The family generations include the first generation of Edith and Ralph Wilcoxin; the second generation of Sharon and Bruce Spangler; the third generation of Robert and Velynna Spangler, David and Colleen Spangler, and John and Holly Spangler; and the fourth generation of Kayla Spangler Boren, Matthew Spangler, Ryan Spangler, Kyle Spangler, Kaitly Spangler, Hannah Spangler, Jenna Spangler, Nathan Spangler, and Caroline Spangler.

The Bruce and Sharon Spangler family was honored by the Illinois 4-H Foundation on August 15 during a celebration at the Illinois State Fair and again on August 18 during the Agriculture Day breakfast.
A 15-year-old first-year 4-H member from Rock Island County, missing only two shots all day, claimed first place in the state 4-H shotgun contest held in October, despite windy conditions throughout the 7-hour competition. Naythen Jones, of Port Byron, ended the day with 98 out of a possible 100 points. Isaac Adams, 14, of East Peoria in Tazewell County, was the first-place archer.

Weather made shooting difficult for both the shotgun and archery competitors. But learning to shoot in the elements presents a realistic environment when youth take their training to the range or a hunting field, said National 4-H archery instructor Bill Mohn, of Springfield. “Everyone is facing the same conditions today.”

How youth dealt with the conditions determined their success. Jarrett Rohlf, 16, of Emden in Logan County, finished third after shooting 95 out of 100 on the first four rounds and edging out another competitor by two shots in a 25-shot shoot-off. “In cold, windy weather, you want to wait for the peak of the target before you shoot because that’s when the target stops,” Rohlf said. “The wind can catch it on the way up, so you want to get it at the very top.”

For Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Club leader Steve Hilgers, it isn’t about where you placed at the end of the day, but how much fun you had. That’s why he spends many hours with his young team. His advice to them in the windy conditions was simple: “Don’t be discouraged, no matter what happens. We’re here to have fun and be safe.”

Hilgers had several first-time participants. “It’s awesome to watch them out there and see the smiles on their faces.”

It was a sentiment echoed by fellow Mason County 4-H volunteer Joshua Powell. “The best part of today was getting to see all their practice and hard work and enthusiasm come to fruition,” Powell said. For those who didn’t do as well as they had hoped, Powell had one question: “Did you have fun?”

The wind played havoc with the archery competitors, whose experience and equipment played a key factor in the day’s placings. Though Elizabeth Duby struggled to reach the targets, she never gave up and praised the volunteers for coaching her along throughout her first contest. “Today encouraged me to do even more,” the young 4-H member said. “I’ve learned that I need a bow with a stronger pull,” she said, “and that aiming is more than just aiming even at something; it’s aiming heightwise, too.”

Winners Know the Secret Is Staying Patient

Since the introduction of shooting sports to Illinois 4-H in 2009, more than 800 adult volunteers have been certified. Nearly 3,000 4-H members enroll in shooting sports projects annually.

Pete Fandel was one of the first nationally certified instructors for the Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program. A former U of I Extension specialist in crop science, Fandel now teaches agriculture at a local community college. He believes shooting sports is a good way to teach youth discipline, concentration, and focus. “You don’t have to be an athlete to be successful in this sport,” Fandel said. “Archery is individual.”

U of I Extension Shooting Sports educator Dan Dawson has coordinated the state program since its approval as an Illinois 4-H project in 2009. More than 800 adult volunteers have been certified, and nearly 3,000 4-H members enroll in more than 5,000 different shooting sports projects annually. “This was one of the highest levels of competition these kids will ever face,” said Dawson. “They exceeded our expectations, and that’s due to the exceptional training they received from our Illinois coaches.” Support for the national team is provided by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

The secret to success in the Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports State Shoot was patience. Wind made the day challenging for the 70 competitors.
The Illinois 4-H Foundation would like to thank the many individuals, businesses, trade associations, and organization that provide financial support for our 4-H programs. Your financial support is the reason we can continue to fund outstanding 4-H opportunities in Illinois that give our youth opportunities to grow, learn, and succeed. The following contributions—each one important and appreciated—were made between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

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“Real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present.” —Albert Camus

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Greenfield, IL  
June 20, 1915 - April 17, 2015  
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Elaine Frieders

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July 3, 1927 - November 7, 2014  
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Elaine Frieders  
Aurora, IL  
June 20, 1928 - August 3, 2014  
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Kerry and Jill Bertels  
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Dr. Larry H. Hageman  
June 18, 1927 - May 31, 2014  
Elaine Frieders

Emily Morehouse  
April 3, 1934 - February 20, 2011  
Emily Morehouse

April 3, 1984 - February 18, 2014  
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Mark and Regina Taylor  
July 5, 1915 - November 7, 2014  
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July 5, 1915 - November 7, 2014  
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Springfield, IL  
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March 7, 1929 - October 10, 2009  
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Adventures Await Campaign Appeals to Illinois Youth

Who doesn’t like an adventure? Announced at the fall training for Extension 4-H staff, the Adventures Await marketing campaign has found great appeal among youth audiences. Each county received a starter kit with $250 of marketing materials, including yard signs, pull-up banners, postcards, door hangers, buttons, car window clings, and magnets.

Welcome Jennifer Smith to the staff of fundraisers for the Illinois 4-H Program

Agriculture, the outdoors, and families are all woven into Jennifer Smith’s personal tapestry. As part of the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES) Advancement team, she is responsible for securing private support for the Illinois 4-H program, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, and Agricultural Education program. Jennifer earned both her undergraduate and master’s degrees in the College of ACES.

Away from work, Jennifer stays busy keeping up with her husband, Shane, and children, Delaney and Austin. When she’s not chauffeuring to soccer, 4-H meetings, horse shows, band rehearsals, and a plethora of other activities, she is likely caring for one of the family’s many critters on the farm.

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