



## Community and Economic Development

*Find the keys to building healthy, prosperous communities.*

Extension’s CED programming helps community leaders, residents, and businesses build capacity for renewal and growth. The challenges facing communities are many; Illinois Extension works with you as you build effective teams to face the challenges and work more effectively and efficiently across Whiteside County. CED offers programming on a broad array of topics related to this mission, including, for example:

- Local Government Education (LGE) webinar series
- Leadership Academy
- Disaster Education and Preparedness
- Community Planning
- Community Broadband Development
- Poverty Simulation

Visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/economic-development> and <https://extension.illinois.edu/community-planning> for more info.

**Mike Delany, J.D./M.B.A.** is a CED Extension Educator serving Whiteside, as well as Boone, DeKalb, Ogle, Lee and Carroll Counties. He grew up in Rockford and has been actively involved as a volunteer in Rockford’s recent community-development initiative, known as “Transform Rockford.” With Illinois Extension, Mike is involved in projects relating to young-adult retention and attraction, broadband development, food access, and local-government programming.



As COVID-19 continued to impact governments, businesses, and communities, Illinois Extension’s Local Government Education program increased its outreach aimed at economic investment and community vitality, workforce development, leadership, policy, equity, and resiliency. By partnering with state leadership and organizations in Illinois, the Illinois Extension Community and Economic Development team has provided outreach aimed to help local governments and residents build capacity to strengthen their communities and organizations and improve public services.



Access past and future programs  
<https://go.illinois.edu/LGE>

## Statewide Webinar Reach



60  
Webinars in 2021



2,003  
Individuals Learned about Leadership, Public Service, and Community Involvement



1,094  
Individuals Learned about Meeting Needs of Diverse or Vulnerable Populations



3,955  
Individuals Reached in Economic and Financial Stability Webinars



1,043  
Reached in Economic Vitality and Community Resiliency Webinars

## Community-Driven Broadband Reach



1,228  
Community Leaders Educated on Broadband Expansion Opportunities



714  
Participants Educated on Obtaining Funding and Needs Assessment



416  
Individuals Reached on Broadband Project Management

*The University of Illinois Extension’s community and economic development team helps communities build capacity for creative and informed decision-making to enhance their quality of life.*

## **Contact Information**

### **Illinois Extension - Whiteside County Office**

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Sterling, IL 61081

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# FAMILY FUN DAY



Conservation Celebration  
Franklin Creek Grist Mill  
April 22, 2023  
1-3 PM

 Free Event Open To The Public

 Activity Stations With Prizes Awarded

 Sponsored by 4-H, Master Gardeners  
and Franklin Creek Conservation  
Association



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# Carroll, Lee and Whiteside Counties



63 Projects  
to choose from

## 4-H Pledge

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

My **HEART** to greater loyalty,

My **HANDS** to larger service,

And my **HEALTH** to better living,

For my club, my community, my country and my world.

## To Join Call:

**Lee County**

**Katie McBride**

**kmcbr2@illinois.edu**

**280 W. Wasson Rd.**

**Amboy, IL 61310**

**Phone: 815-857-3525**

**Fax: 815-857-3527**

**Whiteside County**

**Allie Johnston**

**lancast@illinois.edu**

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**Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

**Phone: 815-244-9444**

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**go.illinois.edu/clw**

# JOIN 4-H TODAY

4-H is open to all youth between the ages of 8 and 18 by September 1, and Cloverbuds is open to all youth between 5 and 7 years old. Find a club near you!!

## LEE COUNTY CLUBS

### Amboy Area

#### Young Seekers 4-H Club

Leaders: Amy Schwamberger

Club meets 1st Thursday, 6:30 pm

#### Young Seekers Cloverbuds

Leader: Katie Pratt

Club meets 1st Wednesday, 6:30 pm

### Ashton Area

#### AFC Aggies 4-H Club

Leaders: Nikki Freeman

Club meets 1st Sunday, 6:30 pm

#### AFC Cloverbuds

Leaders: Sarah Roach & Natalee Atkinson

Club meets 2nd Tuesday, 4:00 pm

### Dixon Area

#### Dixon Wonder Workers 4-H Club & Cloverbuds

Leaders: Kristine VanQuathem

& Nancy Wadsworth

Club meets 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm

#### Palmyra Hillbillies 4-H Club & Cloverbuds

Leader: Danelle & Paul Burrs and Kathy Book

Club meets Last Tuesday, 6:30 pm

### Franklin Grove Area

#### Grove-Go-Getters 4-H Club & Cloverbuds

Leaders: Jennifer Warrenfeltz,

Kelly Viall, & Carrie Cochrane

Club meets 2nd Sunday, 5:00 pm

### Franklin Grove Area

#### Lee County Goat Club

Leaders: Mackenzie & Brian Treadwell

Club meets 2nd Tuesday, 6:00 pm

### Maytown Area

#### Maytown Comets 4-H Club & Cloverbuds

Leaders: Janette Welch & Aubrey Burke

Club meets 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm

### Paw Paw Area

#### Wyoming Indians 4-H Club & Cloverbuds

Leaders: Mary Lou Gorman & Amanda Lemmer

Club meets 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am

### Steward Area

#### Soaring Eagles 4-H Club & Cloverbuds

Leader: Michelle Snode

Club meets 1st Monday, 6:00 pm

#### Willow Creek Winners 4-H Club

Leaders: Matt & Ashley Hueber

Club meets 3rd Sunday, 3:00 pm

### Sublette Area

#### Sub-Let Indians 4-H Club & Cloverbuds

Leaders: Derek Rapp & Emilee Henkel

Club meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm

Every other month

(Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May, July)



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# 4-H HORSE CLINIC



**MAY 1 | 12 PM - 2:30 PM\***

**LEE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS | AMBOY  
BRING YOUR HORSE  
\*CLINIC MAY RUN LONGER IF NEEDED**

**LEARN ABOUT SHOWMANSHIP, HORSEMANSHIP,  
PLEASURE AND DRIVING. LEE COUNTY  
4-H'ERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE CLINIC OR  
HAVE PROOF OF LESSONS TO SHOW AT THE 4-H FAIR**

**PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE BY APRIL 22  
AT: [GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/LEEHORSECLINIC](https://go.illinois.edu/leehorseclinic)**

**CONTACT KATHY BOOK  
815-857-3525  
KBOOK@ILLINOIS.EDU**

**ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMET**

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# 4-H JUNIOR GARDENER

AGES 8-18

**TUESDAYS | 4-5:30 PM**  
**APRIL 18 - AUGUST 1**  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH | DIXON  
1013 FRANKLIN GROVE RD

\$10 | 4-H MEMBERS  
\$30 | NON-MEMBERS



TEACHING CHILDREN ABOUT THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF GARDENING THROUGH HANDS-ON INVESTIGATION OF GROWING THEIR OWN VEGETABLES & FLOWERS AND LEARNING TO USE THE HARVEST.

A PORTION OF THE PRODUCE GROWN WILL BE GIVEN TO FOOD INSECURE SITUATIONS. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OFF WHAT THEY GREW AT THE LEE COUNTY 4-H FAIR JULY 27-30.

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY APRIL 11**  
**[AT:GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/LEECO2JG](https://go.illinois.edu/leeco2jg)**

CONTACT KATIE MCBRIDE  
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LEE COUNTY EXTENSION  
KMCBR2 @ILLINOIS.EDU

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# Kids & K-9's SPIN Club

For Youth Ages 8-18

Saturdays Starting Feb 4

K-9 Enrichment Center | Dixon

Beginners | 11:00 AM

Advanced | 1:00 PM

4-H Member | Free

Non-Member | \$20

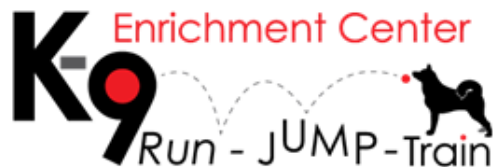
This is a survey class that will introduce you to all facets of training including obedience, rally, agility and showmanship. It is also designed to help your dog become a more integral part of your family.



Register online:

[go.illinois.edu/kidsk9s](http://go.illinois.edu/kidsk9s)

For more information contact:  
Katie McBride: [kmcbr2@illinois.edu](mailto:kmcbr2@illinois.edu)



## CLASS DATES

Feb 4, 18, 25

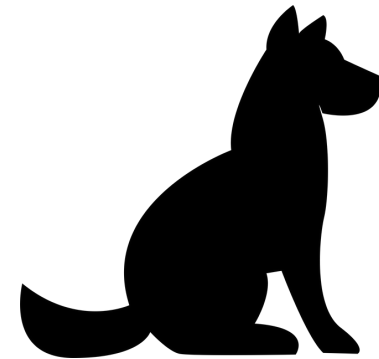
March 4, 11, 25

April 1, 15, 22, 29

May 6, 20, 27

June 10, 17

\*Class dates subject to change depending on center schedule



## SHOW DATES

June 3

MOCK SHOW

June 24

Multi-County 4-H Dog Show

August 26

State 4-H Dog Show



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For Youth Ages 8-18  
K-9 Enrichment Center | Dixon

**First Class Feb 4**  
**Beginner & Advanced at 11 AM**  
**No dogs.**  
(unless they need to be fitted for a training collar)

**Current Shot Records (must be  
brought to first lesson or emailed  
prior to kmcbr2@illinois.edu)**

While attending as many sessions as possible is beneficial and recommended, you must attend at least 6 to qualify for the 4-H Dog show. Registration for the beginners class closes April 1 (or when full)



**Register online:**

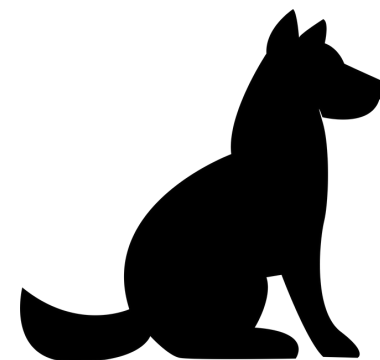
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## PLEASE BRING

- A training collar (prong or chain slip)
- Buckle or Martingale collar can be used for agility, rally, and showmanship
- A 6 foot leash (leather leash preferred, no nylon)
- Lots of yummy SOFT treats



**Please note:**

**Parental supervision recommended and may be required as deemed necessary by instructor**

**Puppies must be at least 6 months old and know the basic sit/down commands**

**Dogs that are aggressive to other dogs or people will be asked to leave**



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# PROJECT POOL

MARCH 18TH | 9:00 AM-NOON  
LEE COUNTY 4-H CENTER | AMBOY  
1196 FRANKLIN RD

COME EXPLORE NEW AND EXCITING TOPICS AT THE  
2023 PROJECT POOL. JUMP IN AND LEARN MORE  
ABOUT WHAT 4-H HAS TO OFFER!

## WORKSHOP INFORMATION:

Cost: \$15.00  
Check-In: 8:45-8:55 AM  
Open to all youth ages 5-18 years old  
Ages 5-7 will be in own session from 9-Noon  
Ages 8-18 will choose 3 sessions to attend  
Please bring box to carry home projects

## REGISTRATION:

Register online at : [go.illinois.edu/projectpool](http://go.illinois.edu/projectpool)  
or send in form on the right side of this flyer  
Register by March 6, 2023



## CONTACT:

Katie McBride  
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280 Wasson Rd. Amboy, IL 61310  
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[go.illinois.edu/clw](http://go.illinois.edu/clw)

PARTICIPANTS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H MEMBER? YES/NO

PARENTS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_ ATTEND CLOVERBUD SESSION (5-7 YR OLDS)

\_\_\_\_\_ ATTEND PROJECT SESSIONS (8-18 YR OLDS)

SESSIONS WILL BE FILLED ON A FIRST COME BASIS  
INDICATE WITH A 1,2,3,4 YOUR CHOICE FOR EACH SESSION

### SESSION 1

9:00-9:55 AM

- \_\_\_\_\_ Party Planning
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rabbits/Cavies (Guinea Pigs)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chickens
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cloverbud Group (age 5-7)

### SESSION 2

10:00-10:55 AM (short break after session 2)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Horsin' Around
- \_\_\_\_\_ Goats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Starting Seeds
- \_\_\_\_\_ Salt Painting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cloverbud Group (age 5-7)

### SESSION 3

11:05- NOON (clean-up until 12:15 PM)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Horsin' Around
- \_\_\_\_\_ Weather/Cloud Playdoh
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rice Krispies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cloverbud Group (age 5-7)



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University of Illinois will be enforced.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Canvas Painting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Goats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Drones
- \_\_\_\_\_ Candy Making
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mystery Art
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cloverbud Group(age 5-7)

### SESSION 2

10:00-10:55 AM (short break after session 2)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Rabbits
- \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Preparedness
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fairy Gardens
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food Science
- \_\_\_\_\_ Candy Making
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cloverbud Group(age 5-7)

### SESSION 3

11:05- NOON (clean-up until 12:15 PM)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Horses
- \_\_\_\_\_ Theatre Arts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aerospace
- \_\_\_\_\_ Floral Design
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fairy Gardens
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cloverbud Group(age 5-7)



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# LOCAL FOOD...

## > BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has new USDA funding to pay farmers for Illinois-grown food to feed individuals in need from throughout the state.

## LEARN HOW

You can access funds and join the network of providers supplying locally sourced food.

## ATTEND A LOCAL LISTENING SESSION

FEBRUARY 22 | MARION

FEBRUARY 23 | MILLSTADT (ST. CLAIR COUNTY)

FEBRUARY 28 | ELGIN

MARCH 3 | KANKAKEE

MARCH 22 | GALESBURG

LATE MARCH (TBD) | VIRTUAL



Your input will help in the development of the program.



For more information or to register for a session  
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# READY...SET...GROW... GARDENING WORKSHOP

Join the Master Gardeners of Carroll, Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside counties for this half-day event offering participants information about various aspects of home gardening.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**  
**8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**LOVELAND COMMUNITY HOUSE**  
**513 W 2ND ST. | DIXON**

**REGISTER ONLINE: [GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/READYSETGROW](https://go.illinois.edu/readyssetgrow)**



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**Refreshments, Book Nook, and Master Gardener Help Desk**

After registration make sure to grab a cup of coffee, check out our free book/magazine nook and ask our Master Gardeners any questions at the help desk.

**Loveland History Museum**

Loveland Community House is home to the Loveland History Museum which is located on the third floor of the building. Admission is free. You are invited to tour the museum at 12:30 when the workshop is over.

**Interested in Becoming a Master Gardener**

If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener in 2023 please contact your local Extension office and we will help you find a training close to your home or online. Master Gardeners are adults of all ages who love gardening and have a passion (or interest) for plants. You can become a Master Gardener if you are 18 years or older, willing to learn about horticulture, share this knowledge with others, and volunteer your time back to educational programming coordinated through your local Extension office.

**Literary Gardens**

Cindy Crosby, Master Gardener and Writer

Join Master Gardener and natural history writer Cindy Crosby for a fun look at gardens in literature and poetry. From Agatha Christie's mystery series to Brother Cadfael's medieval herb garden to Michael Pollan's garden in "Second Nature," to the "Secret Garden" beloved of children's literature, there are so many gardens that helped shape the books we love to read. Discover how gardens and garden imagery figure in the works of Mary Oliver, Henry Mitchell, Barbara Kingsolver, Lewis Carroll--and many more! See your garden with new eyes --- and come away with a list of books you can't wait to explore. Materials by Cindy will be available for purchase during breaks.



# SESSION 1:

Choose one from each session

10:30 - 11:20 AM

1

## **Growing Great Grapes**

*Grant McCarty, University of Illinois Extension Local Foods & Small Farms Educator*

Wine vs table? Cordon vs Cane? Growing grapes can be intimidating. Since the plant can live for decades, early decisions will ensure you have greater success for years to come. This presentation will provide you with an introduction of the opportunities that await and the challenge you might face in grape production. Varieties, setup, disease management, and pruning will also be discussed.

2

## **Natural Fairy Gardens (Hands-On)**

*Nancy Gmitro, Carroll County Master Gardener*

A brief history of fairy gardens and the plants suitable for fairy gardens will be discussed. Using only materials found in nature, the rest of the class will be spent making your own fairy garden furniture. An additional fee of \$10 includes program materials. Class size is limited.

3

## **Tree Management: Before and After a Storm**

*Emily Swihart, University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator*

Trees are wonderful plants to incorporate into our landscape and have in our communities but what happens when midwestern weather events threaten the health and safety of these plants? Snow and ice can weigh heavy on trees resulting in branch failure. Wind events can whip and twist limbs, influencing the structural stability of tree canopies. Periods of drought or flooding may not produce immediate symptoms of stress but may emerge over time. Join University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Emily Swihart as she explores the factors of weather that impact our trees and how to respond in the aftermath of a storm.

4

## **Make Mine a Hummingbird Garden**

*Peggy Doty, University of Illinois Extension Natural Resources, Environment & Energy Educator*

Putting out a hummingbird feeder may not be enough to attract and keep hummingbirds coming back to your garden. Understanding the true needs and behaviors of these tiny winged gems is important for a proper hummingbird garden. Capture their attention early and you can enjoy hummingbirds all season.

# SESSION 2:

Choose one from each session

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

5

## **Contained Compositions (Hands-On)**

*Jim Brown, Woodlawn Landscapes and Design*

Participants will make a fresh floral arrangement in assorted dishware containers using unusual flowers. An additional fee of \$35 includes program materials. Class size is limited.

6

## **The Backyard Orchard**

*Grant McCarty, University of Illinois Extension Local Foods & Small Farms Educator*

Fruit trees can be a great addition to the Northern Illinois garden, yielding wonderful apples, pears, and some stone fruit for many years. Whether your orchard has not been planted or has been well established, this course will help you make the right decisions for your trees with a focus on varieties, day 1 tasks, seasonal pruning, and pest management.

7

## **Growing Vegetables Through the Seasons**

*Bruce Black, University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator*

Get the most out of your garden by planning, planting, and maintenance for the 2023 season broken down by Spring, Summer, and Fall. Bruce will discuss some of the new vegetables for 2023 including the 2023 All-America Selections.

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## **Nature Journaling**

*Jim Duis, Ruth Edwards Nature Center, Dixon Park District*

Nature Journaling is a method of capturing observations of the natural world on paper. Jim will present techniques for interpreting our perceptions, including form, texture, and lighting.

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12923 Lawrence Rd.  
Sterling, IL 61081

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit No. 6  
Morrison, IL 61270

Return Service Requested

## Mail in Registration

Fill out this form and send it along with your check payable to:

### University of Illinois Extension

421 W. Pine Rd., Suite 10  
Oregon, IL 61061  
815-732-2191

**By March 10, 2023**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email(required) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Fee: \$25**

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## Session Choices

### Session 1(select first and second choice)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Growing Great Grapes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Natural Fairy Gardens (Hands-On) - (\$10 more)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Tree Management: Before and After a Storm
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Make Mine a Hummingbird Garden

### Session 2(select first and second choice)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Contained Compositions (Hands-On) - (\$35 more)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The Backyard Orchard
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Growing Vegetables Through the Seasons
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Nature Journaling

Registration Fee Enclosed: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Fee(s) Enclosed  
for class #2: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
for class #5: \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Fee Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**For fastest service, register online!**

**[go.illinois.edu/readyssetgrow](http://go.illinois.edu/readyssetgrow)**

Registrations must be received by March 10, 2023.  
Sessions filled on first come, first served basis.  
No refunds after the registration deadline.

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