

MAY 2024

4-H FAMILY NEWS



MONROE COUNTY



It's Showtime!

4-H SHOWBOOKS

The 4-H Showbook, including show dates and project guidelines for the Horse Show, Food Demo Show, and Show-A-Rama (general projects), is available to view here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeShowbook-General>

The Monroe County Fair Showbook, including Horticulture, Crops, and Livestock classes, is available here: <https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeFairShowbook>

Please register to exhibit your projects here:

<https://fairenter.com/Fair/SignIn/19737>

using these instructions:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeFairEntryDirections>

(If you made a profile in Fair Entry last year, you should log in with the username/password you previously used.)

4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

Remember that to show projects at the County and State levels, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least four meetings during the 4-H year.
- Give a talk or demonstration at a 4-H club meeting.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2024.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June, or July Club meeting prior to the county fair AND complete their book by September 15.

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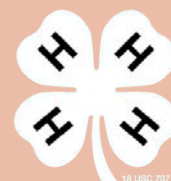
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Harrison Bartosik - Maeystown Clovers
Harlie Braun - Backyard Bandits
Tyrus Carter - Clover Friends
Carter Cox - Maeystown Clovers
Derek DuChene - Maeystown Clovers, Shotgun
Kaitlyn Eichelmann - Lucky 4-H
Owen Francis - Lucky 4-H
Madelyn Gummersheimer- Lucky 4-H
Kyle Kern - Lucky 4-H, Federation
Brooke Mueller - Moonlight Boys & Girls, Federation, Teen Teachers
Janella Neary - Clover Friends, Federation, Teen Teachers, State Youth Leadership Team
Kaitlyn Ruwald - Backyard Bandits, Teen Teachers, Federation, Livestock Judging Team
Ty Schaefer - Crusading Eagles
Caleb Seboldt - Maeystown Clovers, Teen Teachers
Olivia Stechmesser - Golden Eagles
Gage Thompson - Crusading Eagles
Benjamin Whelan - Moonlight Boys & Girls, Federation
Bridgette Yearian - Maeystown Clovers, Federation, Teen Teachers



CLOVERBUD GRADUATES...MOVING ON!

The Monroe County 4-H County Cloverbuds held their last meeting of the year in April with a lesson on bees and a graduation ceremony for those moving on to a regular 4-H club next year:



Henry Albers
Blakelynn Grohmann
Clara Leuty
Collin Mudd
Avery King
Gabriella Greene





SHEEP & GOAT WEIGH-IN



Saturday, May 4, 8:00 a.m.

Monroe County Fairgrounds

Sheep will weigh first, followed by goats.

If you plan to show and sell a market lamb and/or goat at the Monroe County Fair, your lamb/goat MUST participate in the weigh-in. We hope that exhibitors can be present for the weigh-in; however, if you are unable to attend, make sure your lamb(s)/goat(s) are there to be weighed.

MONROE COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW



Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m.

Monroe County Fairgrounds

Open to all 4-H members enrolled in a horse project.

Check out the 4-H Showbook for class information and requirements:

<https://go.illinois.edu/Showbook-General>

Please register to exhibit your projects here:

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using these instructions: <https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeFairEntryDirections>

(If you made a profile in Fair Entry last year, you should log in with the username/password you previously used.)

Register by May 5.

HOOFBEATS COMPETITION TEAM SUCCESS!



Awesome job to the Monroe County Hoofbeats Competition Team who recently advanced to the State Horse Bowl & Hippology Contests!

Highlights included:

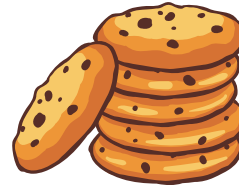
- Placing 4th in the Jr. Division Horse Bowl Contest.
- Nora Moore placing in the top 10 as an individual in the Horse Bowl contest & top 10 in Intermediate Hippology.
- Mallory Paur placing in the top 10 (2nd place) in Jr. Hippology.
- Maya Woodard & Sydney Woodard placing in the top 10 in Senior Hippology.



SHEEP FESTIVAL



Thank you to the **Monroe County Hoofbeats Club** for selling baked goods and drinks at the Sheep Festival! 50% of their proceeds were donated to Helping Strays of Monroe County.



Great job to all who participated in the sheep & goat judging contest at the Sheep Festival. Congratulations to the following:

SHEEP JUDGING

Ages 8-12

1st Place: Louis Hick

2nd Place: Landon Koch, Owen Atwater

3rd Place: Khloe Geppert, Morgan Hornbostel

Ages 13-19

1st Place: Hadley Dowell

2nd Place: Ashton Matthews

3rd Place: Cohen Brandt

**Monroe County Sheep Producers sponsored prizes for the Sheep Judging Contest.*

GOAT JUDGING

Ages 8-12

1st Place: Owen Atwater, Morgan Hornbostel

2nd Place: Landon Koch, Louis Hick

3rd Place: Shelby Hick

Ages 13-19

1st Place: Amos Matthews

2nd Place: Cohen Brandt, Emma Chandler

3rd Place: Hadley Dowell

**The Sutter Family sponsored prizes for the Goat Judging Contest.*



Thank you to the 4-H Federation for helping with set-up, sponsoring Kid's Corner, and helping with dining.

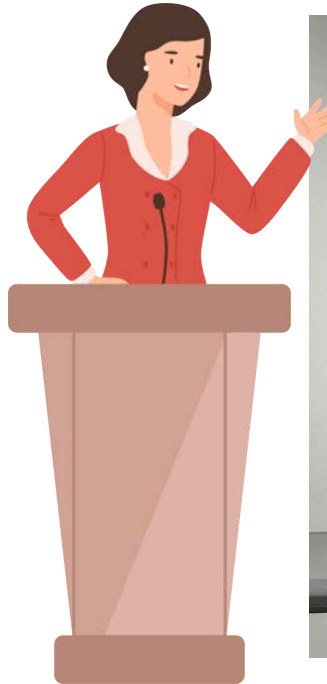


2023 4-H PREMIUM CHECKS

If you exhibited a 4-H project(s) at 4-H Shows in 2023, you will receive your 4-H premium check very soon. Please remember to cash your checks ASAP.



PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST



Great job to the participants of the 4-H Public Speaking Contest in March:

- **Oscar Hoerr:** Oral Interpretation - “Memoirs of a Goldfish”
- **Juliana Mayer:** Oral Interpretation - “The Fault in Our Stars”
- **Arabella Mayer:** Oral Interpretation - “Gloria’s Monologue from the Barbie Movie” and Maya Angelou’s “I Still Rise”
- **Valerie Branson:** Formal Speech - “The Fault in Our Stars”

Oscar, Arabella, and Valerie were selected as Representatives for the State Public Speaking Contest on April 27, with Juliana selected as an Alternate.



BAEBLER EDUCATIONAL FARM NEWS



Thank you to 4-H members Walton Reece and Braydon Eckart and 4-H Leader Debbie Eckart for helping Extension Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists with the annual clean-up day at Baebler Educational Farm in March.



A big thank you goes to Lucky 4-H Club for their recent purchase and installation of new life-saving rings for use at Fox Lake Pond on the farm, in addition to a fish food dispenser that is to be placed near the dock by the pavilion.



FOOD DEMO SHOW

4-H FOOD DEMO SHOW



June 3, 7:00pm

Monroe County Annex



The 4-H Food Demonstration Show is a fun show opportunity open to all youth enrolled in a 4-H Cooking project.

Food demonstrations should be approximately 8-10 minutes in length; however, there will not be a time penalty. The time limit will be taken into consideration at the judges' discretion.

Demonstrations may be done by an individual or team of two members.

Refer to the Illinois 4-H Foods Demonstration Guide here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/FoodDemoGuide>

Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing all equipment and supplies. The food demonstration must relate to the state-offered project area in which the member(s) is/are enrolled.

NOTE: Participating in a Food Demonstration does not satisfy the 4-H Show requirements for Cooking projects and are not eligible for State Fair.

Register to participate: <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/29233>

FOOD DEMO AWARD

The Monroe County Farm Bureau Women's Committee
will sponsor awards for the use of
APPLE products in a Food Demonstration recipe.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES CAMP



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES CAMP

JUNE 3-7

8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

(Field Trip on Friday)

Baebler Educational Farm

4022 JJ RD,
WATERLOO, IL 62298



Youth entering 4th through 6th grade are invited to join this fun and exciting camp! We will be exploring topics such as Outdoor Skills, Animal Science, Plant Science, and Natural Energy!

Register Today at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/OutdoorAdventuresCampWaterloo>

**COST: \$45
PER YOUTH**



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NEW GARDENBUDS CLUB!



4-H Gardenbuds

Ages 5-8*
*Must have completed Kindergarten

Participants will learn how to grow vegetables and flowers, cook with produce, explore pollination & insects, weather, plant parts, the plant life cycle, and more!

MEETING DATES:

- JUNE 4, 9:00-11:30A.M.
- JUNE 18, 9:00-11:30A.M.
- JULY 16, 9:00-11:30A.M.
- AUGUST 20, 6:00-7:30P.M.
- SEPTEMBER 17, 6:00-7:30P.M.
- OCTOBER 15, 6:00-7:30P.M.

Register: www.zsuite.org
Choose "Gardenbuds" club
\$30 fee includes supplies and snacks for 6 sessions.

*Limited to 10 participants
Call 618-939-3434 for more info.



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YOUTH COOKING SCHOOL



Youth will learn basic cooking skills, kitchen and food safety, nutrition tips and prepare tasty recipes guaranteed to impress the whole family! YCS in 2024 is sure to be a magical experience!

STEP 1: Choose your date and location

June 3 Waterloo, IL
Immanuel Lutheran Church

June 10-13 Hecker, IL
Hecker Commercial Club

June 24-27 Columbia, IL
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

STEP 2: Choose your session

Morning: 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Afternoon: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

STEP 3: Register at:

go.illinois.edu/YouthCookingSchool2024



For more experienced Chefs, register for the:

FOOD CHALLENGE

Ages 11-15
Cost \$60

July 16-18 Waterloo, IL
Monroe County Annex



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YOUTH COOKING SCHOOL



Youth Cooking School Challenge 2024

The Food Challenge is for experienced chefs that have attended youth cooking school in the past. Youth will learn slightly more advanced cooking skills, kitchen and food safety, nutrition tips and will be given challenges to prepare their own tasty recipes!

Tues. July 16- Thurs. July 18

Monroe County Annex
901 Illinois Ave, Waterloo

Morning: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Register@

go.illinois.edu/CookChallengeAM

go.illinois.edu/CookChallengePM



Call (618) 939-3434

Cost
\$60

Ages
11-15



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AG TECH SCIENCE CAMP

Ag Tech SCIENCE CAMP

JUNE 17, 18, 20

JULY 15-18

JULY 22-25

9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.



Camp sessions will alternate between:
Baebler Educational Farm, 4022 JJ Rd., Waterloo
and the Jackie Joyner-Kersey (JJK) Food, Agriculture, Nutrition Innovation Center,
plus field trips!

*Transportation is provided to JJK Center & field trips from Waterloo.

Participants will learn about the role science & technology plays in agriculture through hands-on field activities including planting/observing different types of corn, using drones, collecting data, learning from scientists and more!

FREE TO YOUTH AGES 12-15

LUNCH, SNACKS, DRINKS AND TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

REGISTER: [HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/2024AGTECHSCIENCECAMP](https://go.illinois.edu/2024agtechsciencecamp)

BY MAY 31

LIMITED TO 15 YOUTH



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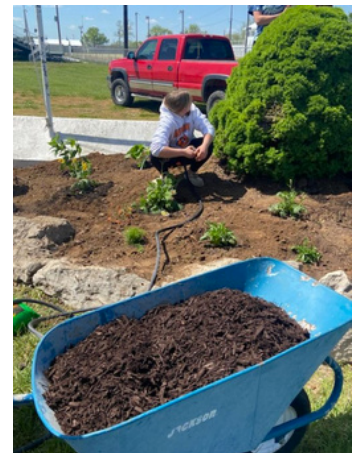


**DONALD DANFORTH
PLANT SCIENCE CENTER**

GOLDEN EAGLES-FARM CREDIT GRANT

The Golden Eagles 4-H Club received a Community Improvement Grant from Farm Credit Services. Using money from this grant, they cleaned the flowerbed at the fairgrounds, planted new perennials, and spread mulch.

Great job!



SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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SHOOTING SPORTS
LEARN BY DOING

Monroe County 4-H
Shooting Sports
VOLUNTEERS
WANTED

- 21 years of age or older.
- Willing to complete a one-day training and receive background screening.
- Knowledgeable and interested in outdoor recreation.
- Eager to instill positive youth development while teaching shooting skills and safety.
- Able to work with local youth a minimum of 6 times per year.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FIELD DAY TRAININGS

➔ May 11, Piatt County (central IL)

➔ July 27, Franklin Co. (southern IL) *Rend Lake

DISCIPLINES
ARCHERY
PISTOL
AIR RIFLE
SHOTGUN
HUNTING/WILDLIFE

***Monroe County has a specific need of Archery and/or Pistol Instructors right now.**
Please contact Kelly Brandt, Monroe County 4-H Program Coordinator
at 618-939-3434 or kmbrandt@illinois.edu

Monroe County 4-H Teens as Teachers Required Training

Tuesday, May 28

6:00 p.m.

Monroe County Annex Building

All 4-H Teens who wish to instruct lessons at the local daycares this summer are required to attend this training session! Kindly fill out the form provided prior to the training.

<https://go.illinois.edu/2024Summer4-HTeenTeachers>

As a member of the 4-H Teens as Teachers team...

- You will be a role model for young kids who share your passion!
- You will expand your own knowledge by preparing lessons and teaching the material to youth.
- You will get practical training that you can use in college, in your career, and throughout life.



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Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

This training is required for all members enrolled in:
HORSE, RABBIT, POULTRY, DOG, CAT & SMALL PET
projects shown live or via an Animal Science project.

<https://4h.zsuite.org/clover-academy>

Choose: Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification

Certifications only need to be completed one time.

Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.



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LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

Record Books should be shown and signed by your leader at your May, June, or July club meeting before the fair. (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)

***NEW: Members must have completed a livestock record book in 2023 to be eligible to sell in 2024, except for new members or members not previously in that project.**

The PDF versions of the books are found here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>

They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print them off and fill it in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here:

https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide to help you through the process of filling the book out.

Books are due to the Extension office by September 15 for evaluation.



YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION

To participate in the youth livestock auction, sponsored by the Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation, youth must meet the following requirements:

- Be a 4-H or FFA member age 8-19 on or before September 1 of the previous year.
- Be a Monroe County resident and/or reside within the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, or Red Bud school districts.
- Be a Monroe County 4-H club and/or FFA Chapter member in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, or Red Bud school districts.
- Attend at least four meetings during the 4-H year.
- Give a talk or demonstration.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2024.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June, or July Club meeting prior to the county fair.
- Members must complete a livestock record book for the previous year, with the exception of new members.
- Exhibitors may sell TWO of any species, beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, poultry, or dairy basket.
- Dairy cattle and dairy goat exhibitors showing two or more dairy animals are eligible to auction a dairy basket of products or certificates with a minimum value of \$50.
- If a 4-H or FFA member receives Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion in any species area, they will have the opportunity to sell the Grand or Reserve Champion regardless of the number of other species they plan to sell, as long as all of the additional sale requirements are met.

RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2024 Award Applications are posted on our website:

https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp

You can also log your 4-H activities with the 4-H Experience log to help prepare for filling out the Award Application:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MyExperienceLog>

4-H FAMILY HANDBOOK

Need to know more about...

- Project selection
- 4-H Shows
- Member expectations
- Livestock requirements
- Where to go for questions

Check out the Monroe County 4-H Handbook:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeFamilyHandbook>





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 4 4-H Sheep & Goat Weigh-in, 8:00 a.m., Monroe Co. Fairgrounds
- May 11 4-H Horse Show, 9:00 a.m., Monroe County Fairgrounds
- May 18 4-H Day with the Cardinals, Busch Stadium, STL
- May 28 Monroe County 4-H Teens as Teachers Summer Training
- June 3-7 Outdoor Adventures Camp
- June 4 4-H Gardenbuds Club begins
- June 19 Livestock Entry Night, Monroe County Fairgrounds
- June 29 4-H Show-A-Rama (general projects), Imm. Luth. Church Hall
- July 21-28 Monroe County Fair (horticulture, crops & livestock)
- August 11 Monroe County Day at State Fair



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