MONROE COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWS

November

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

The annual 4-H Achievement Program was held on Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, hosted by the 4-H Federation.

166 Livestock Record Books and 42 Award Applications were flled out this year!



National I Dare You Leadership Award: Emily Vogt & Natalie Matzenbacher



Top Participation, Community Service & Leadership: Natalie Matzenbacher
Top Project Learning: Elliot Koch, Blaklee Schwarze, Elizabeth Koch



4-H Club Leaders



Top Teen Teachers: Natalie Matzenbacher, Kenley Mueller



Top Secretary: Gracie Stechmesser



Federation Offcers: Madeline Luther, Amelia Guebert, Natalie Matzenbacher, Avery Cope, Kenley Mueller, Emily Vogt

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1st Year Members



5th Year Members



10 Year Member



State Award Applications

GREAT JOB CLOVER FRIENDS!

House of Neighborly Services recently recognized **Natalie Matzenbacher** and the **Clover Friends 4-H Club** as their August Partner of the Month!
Throughout the growing season, Natalie and the Clover Friends generously donated the harvest from their garden to HNS—providing more than 1,000 pounds of fresh produce for local families.





2026-2027 4-H ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!



RE-ENROLL:

Please follow the directions in the Step-By-Step Guide:
https://go.illinois.edu/4HHowToReEnroll

OR watch the Re-Enrollment Video Tutorial:
https://go.illinois.edu/4HReEnroll

All members and volunteers must re-enroll BY JANUARY 1 for the 2026-2027 4-H year.

If you have any problems with enrollment, please contact Kelly at kmbrandt@illinois.edu for assistance or consult the ZSuite Help Documentation within the program.

REVIEW/REQUEST PROJECT BOOKS:

If you need to request 4-H project books, please do so here:
https://go.illinois.edu/26-27_4-HProjectBookOrder

You can review book options for your project(s) here:
https://shop4-h.org/pages/illinois-approved-curriculum

The Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation will cover the cost of up to 3 books.

MAEYSTOWN CLOVERS PLANT TREE IN MEMORY OF EMMA SCHULTHIES





A tree was recently donated and planted in memory of Emma Schultheis at the St. John UCC church hall by Maeystown Clovers club members
Thank you for honoring Emma!





4-H WEEK HIGHLIGHTS





4-H Federation Offcers attended the 4-H Week Proclamation Signing at the Monroe County Board of Commissioners meeting on Oct. 5 at the Monroe County Courthouse.





Once again, students wearing green during 4-H week were treated to candy from Lucky 4-H Leader, Debbie Eckart, at Valmeyer School.



The Clover Friends 4-H Club cleaned up the cemetery in Hecker as a community service project for 4-H Week.



Moonlight Boys & Girls painted the windows at Rural King to promote 4-H

Shout-out to Golden Eagles 4-H Club, who distributed 4-H bookmarks to local libraries and said the 4-H pledge at Waterloo Jr. High for 4-H Week!

4-H MOVE NIGHT

















4-H members celebrated 4-H Week with a Movie Night at the fairgrounds, featuring the movie "Grow." Thanks so much to Johanning Farm for donating the pumpkins and to the 4-H Federation for all of their help!







Monroe County 4-H Livestock Judging Team

First Meeting:

Monday, November 16| 7:00 p.m.

Monroe County Annex|
901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo









Members of the team will meet approximately once/month to increase their livestock judging skills and participate in local livestock judging events.
Register to participate by adding the Team to your club list in your ZSuite profile.

Meeting Dates:

November 16
December 21
January 25
February 16
March 15

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FEDERATION NEW MEMBER KICK-OFF









Federation members kicked off their new year with a picnic at Baebler Educational Farm. They also collected over 130 rolls of toilet paper that were donated to House of Neighborly Services for those in need.

GARDENBUDS









The 4-H Gardenbuds Club closed out their year in October with a fnal harvest from their garden and an evening of decorating pumpkins donated by Johanning Farms.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK CONFERENCE

Get ready for an exciting overnight experience at the Illinois 4-H Junior Livestock Conference, Feb. 13-14, 2027, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfeld!
Open to youth in grades 7-9, this fun-flled weekend features hands-on livestock activities, leadership development, team-building challenges, and opportunities to connect with 4-H members from across Illinois.
You don't need to own livestock to participate!

Registration is open now and closes Jan. 11. The cost is $215 and includes lodging, meals, a T-shirt, conference supplies, and activities. Space is limited to the frst 100 youth who register, so don't wait!

Visit the Junior Livestock Conference website to register, and check out the conference video for a sneak peek at the fun!

https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/youth-livestock-conference



LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

All members are highly encouraged to fll out a 4-H Record Book for livestock and/or horse projects they are exhibiting at a 4-H Show.

It is REQUIRED to fll out 4-H Record Books for any livestock that members are selling at the Youth Livestock Auction.
Members must complete a livestock record book in the current year to be eligible to sell in the preceding year, except for new members or members not previously enrolled in that project.

In-progress Record Books should be shown by your leader *prior to* Livestock Entry Night in late June.

The PDF versions of the books are found here: **https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord**
They may be flled in on your computer, or you may print them off and fll them in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here: **https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide**
It will help you through the process of flling out the book. Books are due at the Extension offce by **September 15** for evaluation.

HARVEST NIGHT

Spots are still open for our annual Dinner Auction supporting Extension programs.
Register here: https://harvestnight.net



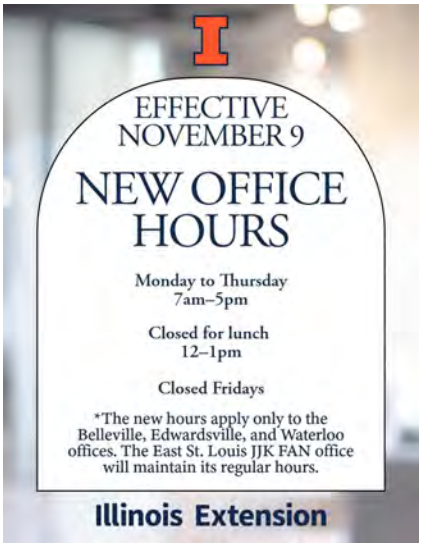
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 16	Livestock Judging Team Meeting, 7:00, Annex
November 21	Harvest Night Dinner Auction, Hecker Community Center
November 26-27	Extension offce CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24-Jan. 1	Extension offce CLOSED for the Holidays



What's going on with Illinois 4-H? Find out here:

https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/91/459174191.html



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