

4-H FAMILY MADISON COUNTY



SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWS

What an amazing fair season!
Thank you to all our members, volunteers,
families, sponsors, and everyone else who
helped make this 2025 4-H Show season a
success! We could not do it without your
support and efforts.

Thank you,
Meghan Cope | 4-H Program Coordinator
Serving Madison and St. Clair Counties |
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CLUB DOCUMENTS DUE

Don't forget--these are due **September 15:**

- Treasurer:
https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2024-08/FINAL%20Treasurer%20Book_08.20.24.pdf
- Secretary Books:
Books: <https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/secretary-book.pdf>
- Historian Scrapebook - can be homemade or digital (this is new this year and is not required)



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RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2025 Award Applications are posted on our website:
<https://go.illinois.edu/MadisonCountyAwardApplication>

You can also keep track of your 4-H activities with the 4-H Experience log to help prepare for filling out the Award Application:
<https://go.illinois.edu/MyExperienceLog>

DUE SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS

All members are encouraged to fill out a 4-H Record Book for livestock and/or horse projects exhibiting at a 4-H Show. It is REQUIRED to fill out 4-H Record Books for any livestock that members are showing in a market class. **Members must complete a livestock record book for the current year to be eligible to show in a market class for the preceding year.**

Market classes that require a livestock record book to be turned in:

Sheep – class SH 5 wether

Beef – class BE 8 Steer

Swine – classes SW 4, 5, 6 Barrow classes

Goat – classes Dairy DG 7 wether, Pygmy PG 6 wether, and Meat Goat MG 7 wether

Rabbit – classes RA 5 meat pen and RA 6 single fryer

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 them in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here:

https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide
to help you fill out the book.

Books are due at the Extension office by SEPTEMBER 15, 2025



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Join us in celebrating National 4-H Week from October 5th to October 11th by participating in our weekly events. Be sure to send photos of your participation to Meghan Cope at mawolff@illinois.edu. You might even see your picture featured on the Madison County 4-H Facebook Page!

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National 4-H Week

October 5 - 11



Sunday 10/5	Sign Sunday Make a 4-H sign and post it in your yard or at a local business.
Monday 10/6	Social Media Monday Share a 4-H post on social media today!
Tuesday 10/7	Time Machine Tuesday Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career or a photo of you and your club.
Wednesday 10/8	Spirit Day Wednesday Wear your favorite 4-H gear or something green today!
Thursday 10/9	Thankful Thursday Thank a mentor, 4-H leader, or volunteer today!
Friday 10/10	Favorite Project Friday Share your favorite 4-H project or memory!
Saturday 10/11	Service Saturday Give back to your community by doing a service project!



Madison County 4-H Shows Survey

Take the 2025 Madison County 4-H Show Survey today! We want to know more about how people experienced the Madison County 4-H Shows and what items we need to work on to improve them for next year. We cannot change everything, but we will do our best to make the best better for the next fair season.

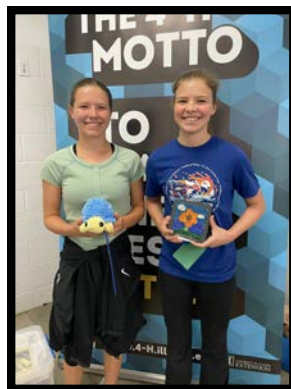
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4-H Fair Week

General Show

- 170 4-H members showed at the General Show
- 13 4-H Cloverbuds showed at the General Show
- 391 projects were shown for the General Show Projects



Bottle Bucket Calf Show & Dairy Cattle Show

- Two 4-H members showed in the Bottle Bucket Calf Show
- Seven 4-H members showed in the Dairy Cattle Show



4-H Fair Week

Rabbit Show

- 18 4-H members showed in the Rabbit Show



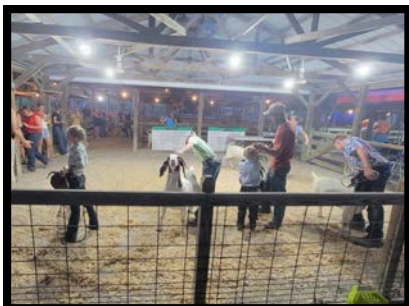
Poultry Show

- 20 4-H members showed in the Poultry Show



Goat Show

- 13 4-H members showed in the Goat Show



4-H Fair Week

Swine Show

- 47 4-H members showed in the Swine Show



Beef Show

- 42 4-H members showed in the Beef Show



Sheep Show

- 13 4-H members showed in the Sheep Show



4-H Fair Week

Master Showmanship

Thank you to our judge, Sue Schafer, for judging all three categories in the Master Showmanship. Thank you to Beth and Brad Dorsey for helping coordinate the Master Showmanship!

We had 6 Juniors and 1 Senior show. Great Job to them all!

Mason Junker-Schrumpf- Champion Swine Division for Senior Master Showmanship
 Mason Junker-Schrumpf - Champion Sheep Division for Senior Master Showmanship
 Mason Junker-Schrumpf- Champion Beef Division for Senior Master Showmanship
 Mason Junker-Schrumpf- Overall Senior Master Showmanship

Hayden Gvillo - Champion Swine Division for Junior Master Showmanship
 Nellie Andrews - Champion Sheep Division for Junior Master Showmanship
 Jemma Dorsey - Champion Beef Division for Junior Master Showmanship
 Jemma Dorsey - Overall Junior Master Showmanship
 Nellie Andrews - Overall Reserve Junior Master Showmanship



Ken Weis Woodworking Award

Congratulations to Parker Dressler, Grant Prairie 4-H Club, for being named the first recipient of the Ken Weis Woodworking Award, funded through donations held by the Madison County Extension Education Foundation. The award is given to a 4-H member based on interest in woodworking/construction as a future career goal and/or interest as a life-long hobby. Parker has been involved in woodworking as a 4-H project for several years and has aspirations of starting his own business in the future. The award can be used for equipment, materials, or educational workshops. This award will be given annually in memory of Ken Weis, an avid craftsman and contractor who assisted 4-H members with their projects.



Congratulations to the following youth for participating in Trouw Nutrition's Auction Pitch! Participants were required to sign up and present an interview-style pitch about their livestock projects to Trouw Nutrition team members. Each participant received a \$200 scholarship for their efforts.

The top winner of the Auction Pitch was Wade Boeser, who not only received the scholarship but also won a cooler filled with water, soda, and snacks.

Great job, 4-H members!

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AUCTION PITCH WINNER

WADE BOESER

Wade is a member of the Good Producers 4-H Club and he shows cattle.

Honorable mentions:
Reese Zobrist and Tyler DeMange



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Thank you to all of the livestock exhibitors who pitched their livestock projects to us; we enjoyed hearing from each of you!

AUCTION SPONSORSHIPS

BY TROUW NUTRITION

1. Lilly Andrews, Grant Prairie
2. Nellie Andrews, Grant Prairie
3. Ella Simon, Grant Prairie
4. Emma Simon, Grant Prairie
5. Reese Zobrist, Good Producers
6. Owen Akers, Grant Prairie
7. Jack Akers, Grant Prairie
8. Amelia Reding, Marine Stars
9. Allison Reding, Marine Stars
10. Oliver Reding, Marine Stars
11. Madelyn Winning, Grant Prairie
12. Aynslie Ernst, Grant Prairie
13. August Ernst, Grant Prairie
14. McKenzie Ruschhaupt, Grant Prairie
15. Lane Knebel, Grant Prairie
16. Jace Knebel, Grant Prairie
17. Ruby Boeser, Good Producers
18. Wade Boeser, Good Producers
19. Emma Jackson, Grant Prairie
20. Tommy Jackson, Grant Prairie
21. Trent Hediger, Grant Prairie
22. Sayde Hogg, Good Producers
23. Lily DeMange, Good Producers
24. Tyler DeMange, Good Producers
25. Alexi Hartlieb, Grant Prairie
26. Mason Hartlieb, Grant Prairie
27. Bryce Hartlieb, Grant Prairie
28. Alivia Knebel, Grant Prairie



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Congratulations to the five Madison County 4-Hers who received one of the \$100 4-H Project scholarships from Trouw Nutrition! The only requirement to earn this scholarship is to be an active Madison County 4-H exhibitor. Trouw Nutrition collected sign-ups during fair week and drew five names randomly from the jar.



**To the 5 recipients of
Trouw's 4-h Scholarship!**

- **Hannah Hobson**
- **Gabriella Nelson**
- **Gracyn Ripperda**
- **Anna Rutherford**
- **Parker Dressler**

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She is so excited! She's been wanting to do a wood working project, but we couldn't buy all of the supplies she would need! Thank you for doing this, and helping her pursue her dreams!

-Parent of one of the recipients



4-H Hall of Fame Award

Congratulations to Ocie Steiner for being awarded the 2025 Hall of Fame Award for Madison County.

Ocie Steiner is a second-generation 4-H alumnus from the Madison County Grant Prairie 4-H Club. He was involved in 4-H for 11 years, participating in youth dairy cattle projects and serving as an Ambassador during his last two years. For the past four years, Ocie has been the leader of the Prairie Youth 4-H Club in Madison County. In his role, he is dedicated to helping members connect their 4-H projects to future career paths. He enjoys witnessing and facilitating interactions among club members, ensuring that everyone can participate in club activities.

Ocie actively supports his club and the county 4-H program by staying updated with current trends. He recently led a short training on ZSuites at the Madison County Spring Leaders Meeting, helping leaders understand how to utilize the platform for their clubs effectively. Additionally, when 4-H staff have requested assistance at shows or meetings, Ocie has volunteered to help. When Ocie is not volunteering for 4-H, he spends time with his family or manages his own business, Graphic Farmer.

Madison County is fortunate to have Ocie as a part of their 4-H Program, and we thank him for his dedication and time!



State Fair Results 2025

Project	Exhibitor Name	Ribbon	Awards
Aerospace: Model Rocketry	Winter, Tanner	Green	Champion
Clothing and Textiles: Sewing 2 Sewn Clothing	Hess, Paige	Green	
Clothing and Textiles: Sewing 3 Sewn Clothing	McCalla, Claire	Green	
Clothing and Textiles: Shopping in Style - Beginning	Shelton, Aynsleigh	Green	Champion
Clothing and Textiles: Shopping in Style - Beginning	WINTe, Emma	Green	Reserve Champion
Consumer Education: Entrepreneurship: Be the E!	Adams, Kelley	Green	Champion
Creative Writing: Creative Writing	Hobson, Hadassah	Green	
Creative Writing: Creative Writing	Ivey, Miles	Green	Inspire
Family Heritage: Family Heritage	Grotefendt, Drew	Green	
Foods and Nutrition: 4-H Cooking 101 Cookies	Reding, Oliver	Green	Reserve Champion
Foods and Nutrition: 4-H Cooking 201 Scones	Fry, Avery	Green	
Foods and Nutrition: 4-H Cooking 301 Dinner Rolls	Sexton, Eve	Green	
Foods and Nutrition: 4-H Cooking 301 Yeast Bread	Reding, Allison	Green	Inspire



State Fair Results Continued 2025

Project	Exhibitor Name	Ribbon	Awards
Foods and Nutrition: 4-H Cooking 401 Focaccia Bread	Elliott, Alyssa	Green	Reserve Champion
Foods and Nutrition: Food Preservation Pickles and Relishes	Williams, Ava	Green	Champion
Geology: Pebble Pups 1	Hess, Henry	Green	Champion
Geology: Pebble Pups 1	Hartmann, Charlotte	Green	
Horticulture - Floriculture: Floriculture A	Hobson, Hannah	Green	
Horticulture - Floriculture: Floriculture A	Reilson, Bryn	Green	
Horticulture - Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits: Vegetable / Fruit Display	Koenig, Lori	Green	
Horticulture - Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits: Vegetable Gardening Display - Other	Obernuefemann, Paige	Green	Champion
Horticulture - Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits: Vegetable Gardening Display - Other	Madson, Grace	Green	Reserve Champion
Interior Design: Design Decisions - Intermediate	Schwarz, Sophia	Green	
Maker: Maker	Ivey, Joshua	Green	
Natural Resources: Outdoor Adventures 1-3	Grotefendt, Coreena	Green	Reserve Champion



State Fair Results Continued 2025

Project	Exhibitor Name	Ribbon	Awards
Natural Resources: Sportfishing 1	Baumann, Elizabeth	Green	
Photography: Photography 1	Hannah, Emma	Green	Inspire
Photography: Photography 2	Adams, Kyleigh	Green	
Photography: Photography 2	Ernst, Aynslie	Green	
Photography: Photography 3	Andrews, Lillian	Green	
Robotics: Robotics 1	Gnaedinger, Cameron	Green	Reserve Champion
Robotics: Robotics 2	Seymore, Jeffery	Green	Inspire
Service Learning: Service Learning 1	Ulrich, Luke	Green	Inspire
Theatre Arts: Theatre Arts 1	Dressler, Cooper	Green	Reserve Champion
Veterinary Science: Veterinary Science 1: 1-2 years in project	Moore, Nora	Green	Champion
Video / Filmmaking: Commercial or Promotional Video - Individual	Ripperda, Emmett	Green	Champion
Visual Arts: Leather	Andrews, Nellie	Green	
Visual Arts: Food Decorating - Beginning	Hedrick, Scarlett	Green	
Visual Arts: Food Decorating - Advanced	Knebel, Karlie	Green	Reserve Champion



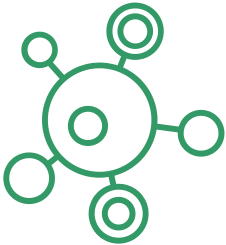
State Fair Results Continued 2025

Project	Exhibitor Name	Ribbon	Awards
Visual Arts: Chalk / Carbon / Pigment Division A on Canvas	Ostrom, Katherine	Green	Champion
Visual Arts: Chalk / Carbon / Pigment Division B on Paper	Reding, Amelia	Green	
Visual Arts: Clay	Abernathy, Ava	Green	
Visual Arts: Fiber	McKinney, Addyson	Green	
Visual Arts: Glass	McKinney, Aubrey	Green	
Visual Arts: Metal	Ketcham, Koy	Green	
Visual Arts: Nature	Pfershy, Raeleigh	Green	Reserve Champion
Scrapbooking - Advanced	Dressler, Taylor	Green	Reserve Champion
Bisual Arts: 3-D Design / Mixed Media	Ivey, Brenna	Green	Inspire
Visual Arts: Wood	ERNST, Michael	Green	
Visual Arts Fiber Non-Original Ages 8-10	Bartlett, Olivia	Green	
Visual Arts: 3-D Design / Mixed Media: Diorama	Fox, Rory	Green	Reserve Champion
Welding	Jackson, Thomas	Green	
Welding	Winte, Alan	Green	



State Fair Results Continued 2025

Project	Exhibitor Name	Ribbon	Awards
Woodworking 4	Jansen, Kyler	Green	
Woodworking 4	Bellm, Jenna	Green	
Formal Speech - Original Advanced Ages 14 & Up	Meyer, Emma	Green	
50503a: Illustrated Speech - Beginner Ages 8-13	Meyer, Ava	Green	
Oral Interpretation - Individual	Nitecki, Savannah	Green	



Thank You To Our 2025 Madison County 4-H Donors!

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you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, call the registration office.

A message from Madison County Extension Education Foundation

Thanks to all for their generous support of baskets at the Madison County Extension Education Foundation booth during the Madison County Fair. Funds raised help support scholarships for 4-H members, Master Gardeners, and Master Naturalists and general support for staff and office. Special thanks to the following:

Grant Prairie 4-H Club
Alhambra Morning Glories
Good Producers' 4-H Club
Marine Jr. Stars 4-H Club
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Cloverleaf Ag. 4-H Club
St. Jacob 4-H Club
Pin Oak Progressors/ Laura and Sandy Ohren
Madison County Master Naturalists
University of Illinois Extension
Megan Martinson
Beth Flowers, Flowers Law
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Thank you, NRA Foundation!

Thank you to the NRA Foundation for donating bows, arrows, targets, and cases to the Open Sight 4-H Shooting Sports Club. In the club, 17 members are learning the skills of archery. The 4-H members were thrilled to have the new equipment to practice with!

*Thank
you*



Cooking School

In July, 4-H partnered with our Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Kris Juelfs, for Youth Cooking School. Youth learned about kitchen safety, measuring, using a knife properly, and more! Thank you, Kris, for this amazing opportunity for our youth!



Madison County Shooting Sports 4-H Clubs



Are you interested in joining the Madison County 4-H Shooting Sports Club?
Below are our clubs that you can join. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

▼ Grant Prairie Shooting Sports

Meeting: Seasonal
Discipline- Shotgun
Location: New Douglas
Leader: Jennifer Mucklow
(j.mucklow07@yahoo.com)

▼ Open Sight Shooting Sports Club

Meeting: Seasonal
Description: Archery
Meeting Date: Every other Friday at 2:30 pm in Dorsey
Leader: Mindy Cory
(mindy.j.cory@gmail.com)

▼ Iron Sight Shooting Sports Club

Meeting Date: Seasonal
Discipline- Rifle
Location: Alton
Leader: Darrell Chrisenberry
(darrell.chrisenberry59@gmail.com)

▼ Staunton Road Rangers Shooting Sports Club

Meeting Date: Seasonal
Discipline- Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun
Location: Edwardsville
Leader: Max and Tamsey Bremer
(maxandtams@gmail.com)



Check out the UPDATED Madison County Foundation's 4-H Event Scholarship!

Interested in trying a new 4-H experience but not sure about the cost?

Think about applying for a 4-H Event Scholarship! The Madison County Extension Education Foundation is offering up to five half-fee scholarships for this 4-H program year for members to help cover costs to attend 4-H events such as the 4-H camp, the Illini Summer Academies, Outdoor Adventures Camp, or the Jr. Leadership Conference. Maximum scholarship amounts are \$100.

This is a “post-event” scholarship, meaning you must register, attend the event, and complete the requirements before receiving the funds for the scholarship. Applications are due 2 weeks before an event’s registration deadline, along with a separate reference leader from your 4-H leader. (Restrictions on who can serve as a reference are noted on the application.) If a member is selected for a scholarship, they must attend the event and then, within 2 weeks following the event, provide a follow-up report on the event, what they learned, and how they plan to share the information.

Registrations for Memorial 4-H Camp will open January 13, so if you are interested in applying for the camp scholarship, the new application should be available shortly via the Madison County 4-H webpage: 4-H in Madison County | Serving Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties | Illinois Extension | UIUC. Scroll down to Scholarships and click on the Madison County Foundation 4-H Event Scholarship link.

4-H members can only be accepted for one scholarship each program year. Should a member be selected for a scholarship but not complete the requirements, that member will not be eligible for future scholarships. Please remember that a limited number of scholarships are available each 4-H program year.



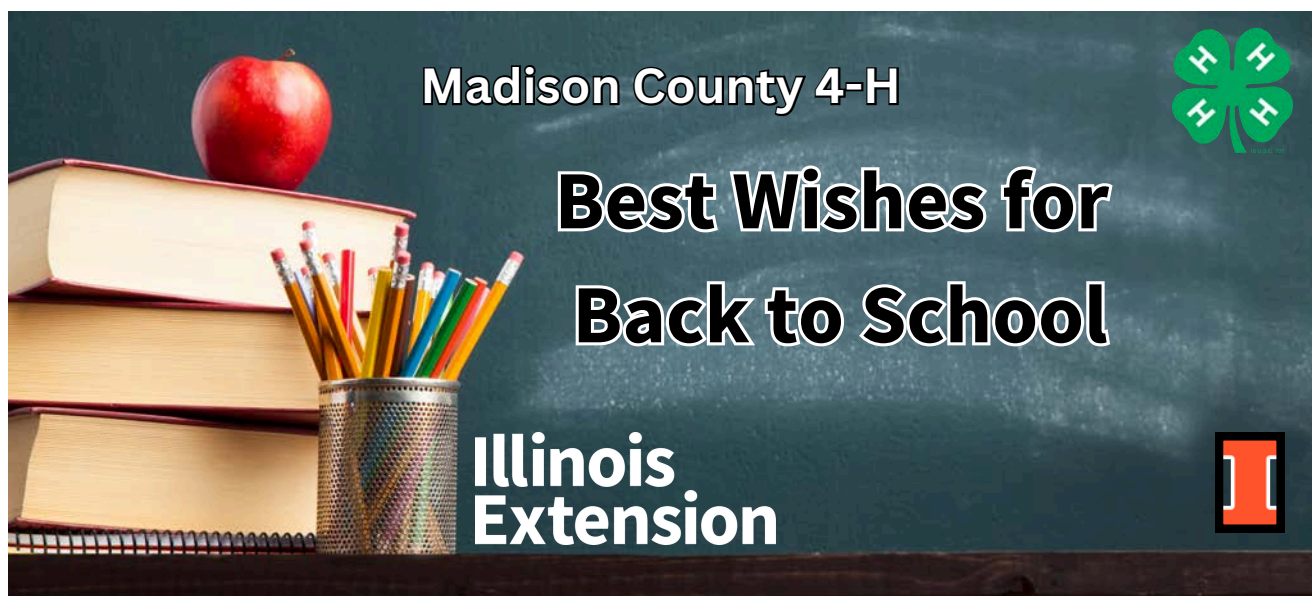
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2025

- Sept. 15 4-H Award and Livestock Records Due
- Sept. 15 4-H Club Treasure & Secretary Books Due

October 2025

- 4-H Enrollment begins
- Oct. 7 Leaders Meeting
- Oct. 5-11 National 4-H Week



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