



MONROE COUNTY

4-H FAMILY



September

NEWS

Thank You!

Thank you to our summer help staff:

**Nora Duncan, Samantha Juelfs, Ellie Landeck,
Kaitlyn Koenigstein, Kaitlyn Ruwald, Brianna Riesing, and
Bridgette Yearian**

for helping to teach programs & camps, assisting with 4-H
exhibitions, helping at the Fair Concession Stand, 4-H Shows,
and so much more!

Much appreciation also goes to our Extra Help Office Support,
Kathy Reifschneider, for her help with fair tasks this summer!



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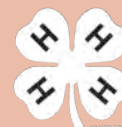
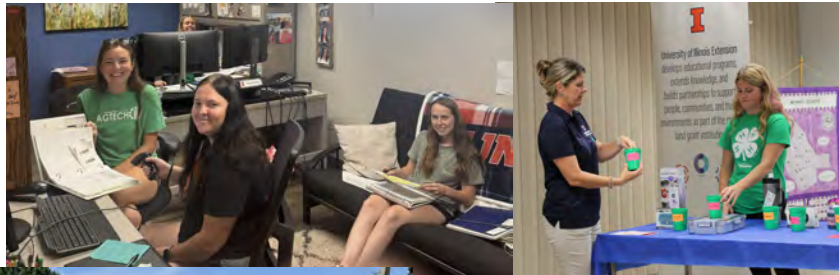
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RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2025 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>

**Please consider filling out Award Applications to highlight
your 4-H accomplishments for the past 4-H year!**

**Recognition will be given at the 4-H Achievement Program
on November 2!**



***Due September 15**

LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

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

It is REQUIRED to fill 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 at your May, June, or July club meeting before 4-H Shows.

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
It will help you through the process of filling out the book.

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



HARVEST NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE



Harvest Night is scheduled for Saturday, November 15,
at the Hecker Community Center. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations are needed for the live and silent auctions.

**The committee is looking for 4-H members who may have a talent, such as a craft or service,
that they could donate.**

Please call the Extension office at 618-939-3434 to donate.



4-H WEEK BOWLING!

STRIKE

up some fun with 4-H!

MONROE COUNTY 4-H FEDERATION INVITES ALL CURRENT 4-H
MEMBERS TO AN AFTERNOON OF BOWLING FUN!

**OCTOBER 6, 2025
3:00-5:00P.M.**



**ALL 4-H
MEMBERS
WELCOME!!**

**BOWLERS MUST RSVP
BY SEPT. 21:**

**WEST PARK
BOWL**

1101 Valmyer Rd.,
Columbia, IL
62236

**KICKOFF 4-H
WEEK!**



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YOUTH COOKING SCHOOL

YOUTH COOKING SCHOOL 2025



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We are happy to announce that we had another successful year of Youth Cooking School. We could not do it without the wonderful support of our community! It takes people and organizations like you to provide these educational opportunities for our youth!

136 YOUTH
PARTICIPANTS

Participants learned basic cooking skills, how to follow a recipe, food safety, healthy eating tips.

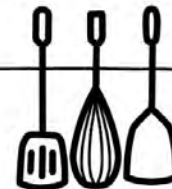
Thank you to our host sites:
St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia, Hecker Community Center, Monroe County Annex, and Madison County Farm Bureau.



THANK YOU DONORS!

A special thank you to:

- Monroe County Farm Bureau
- Monroe County Pork Producers
- Monroe County- Home and Community Education
- Hecker Community Center
- Pam Jacobs



YOUTH COOKING SCHOOL



EXTENSION STAFF

This year's program was developed and taught by University of Illinois Extension Nutrition & Wellness Educator, Kris Juelfs, with assistance from summer interns; Bridgette Yearian & Kaitlyn Koenigstein and summer helpers; Brianna Riesing, Kaitlyn Ruwald, Macy Calloway, Ellie Landeck, Nora Duncan, Sam Juelfs, & 4-H Teens as Teachers.



FROZEN BLUEBERRY LEMONADE

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lemons, peeled
- 2 cups frozen blueberries
- 1 cup water
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sparkling lemon lime water or soda



DIRECTIONS

1. Wash hands with soap and water.
2. Add lemons, blueberries, water, and sugar to the blender.
3. Blend until berries and lemons are smooth.
4. Pour into cups and top with sparkling lemon lime water or soda.
5. Serve.



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MONROE COUNTY FAIR

Thank You:

Monroe County Fair Association,
Livestock Superintendents,
Youth Livestock Auction Buyers,
Waterloo Animal Hospital,
Club Leaders,
Parents, and all other supporters!



MONROE COUNTY FAIR 4-H CONCESSION STAND

Thank you to **Oh Sugar! Ice Cream Shop, Wal-Mart, Shelby's Automotive, Harrisonville Telephone Co. & State Bank of Waterloo** for their support to the stand!

BIG THANKS to **Amy Cope** and **Amy Halleran** for ensuring the Concession Stand runs smoothly, and to all members, volunteers and parents for working shifts!



SNOW CONE SYRUP FOR SALE!

We have 2 gallons of grape, 1 gallon of tiger blood and 1 gallon of orange snow cone syrup leftover from the concession stand for \$10/gallon (we paid \$15).

Please call the Extension office at 618-939-3434 if you are interested in purchasing!

MONROE COUNTY MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST



Great job to the 11 exhibitors who participated in the 4th annual Master Showmanship Contest at the Monroe County Fair on July 22!

Congratulations to Cohen Brandt, who was selected as the 4-H Master Showmanship Champion. **Cohen** was also chosen as the high point champion in the beef and sheep division. **Janella Neary** was chosen as the Reserve Champion overall and a high point in the swine division.

Thank you to the Monroe County Farm Bureau, O/B Angus, and GC Brandt Farms for donating prizes for the contest.



SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

Sheep

Junior: *Lyllian Henerfauth*
Senior: *Louis Hick*

Poultry

Junior: *Jedediah Turner*
Senior: *Elliot Koch*

Rabbit

Junior: *Lily Luther*
Senior: *Rebecca Kuehner*

Swine

Junior: *Caden Marquardt*
Intermediate: *Tessa Schultheis*
Senior: *Kehrlington Schultheis*

Dairy
Chelsea Salger

Goat

Junior: *Brady Cope*
Senior: *Brooke Mueller*



Beef

Beginner: *Callie Rohlfing*
Junior: *Allyssa Schultheis*
Intermediate: *Blaklee Schwarze*
Senior: *Danni Eschmann*

SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER TOP WINNERS



Goat 8-12: *Emma Guebert*
Goat 13-18: *Avery Cope*
Sheep 8-12: *Jacob Mudd*
Sheep 13-18: *Erin Halleran*
Cattle: 8-12: *Allyssa Schultheis*
Cattle: 13-18: *Janella Neary*
Poultry 8-12: *Henry Johnson*
Poultry 13-18: *Caleb Kern*
Rabbit: *Natalie Finke*



Monroe County Cattleman's Award: *Evan Muench*

HORTICULTURE/CROPS SHOW

Great job to all of the
4-H Horticulture & Crop exhibitors!
**Braydon Eckart, Raegan Eckart,
Kylie Long, Natalie Finke**



LIVESTOCK ACHIEVEMENTS

	GRAND CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL	RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL
POULTRY	Caleb Kern	Raegan Eckart
RABBIT-SINGLE FRYER	Madeline Luther	Lillian Kolweier/Jeremiah Koch
RABBIT-MEAT PEN	Leigha Henerfauth	Lily Luther
SHEEP	Shelby Hick	Cohen Brandt
SWINE	Ty Johanning	Kehrington Schultheis
STEER	Janella Neary	Lacie Sellers
GOAT	Emma Guebert/Ryland Sparwasser	Madelyn Luther

TOP RATE OF GAIN

Beef: Carly DuChene

Lamb: Lyllian Henerfauth & Mikayla Krebel

Goat: Ellie Landeck

TOP CARCASS

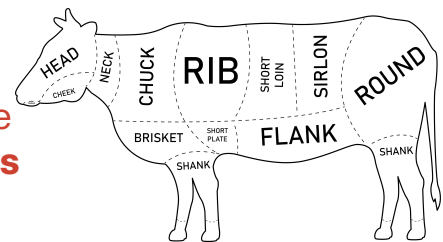
Beef: Kaitlyn Ruwald

Lamb: Cloe Simpson

Goat: Cloe Simpson

Thank you to the **69** businesses & individuals who supported 4-H livestock members with **150** animals at the Youth Livestock Auction for a total of **\$231,423.00!**

Big thanks to **Schubert's Smokehouse** for hosting the Carcass Evaluation and **Eli Burris** from the U of I Meat Sciences Department for judging! We also appreciate the **volunteers who cared for and hauled market animals** after the auction!



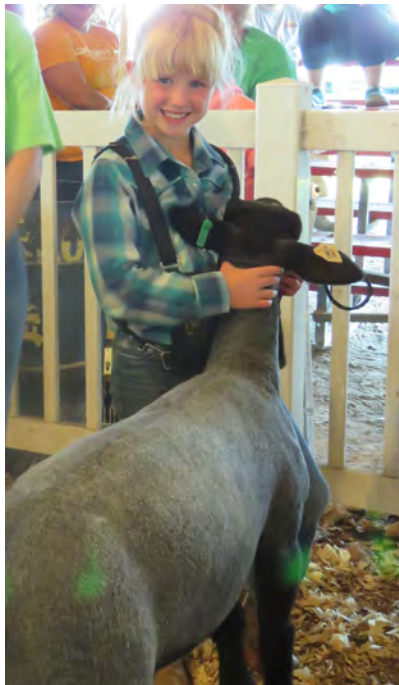
Special thank you to
Voss's Auction Services, Mark Voss, Brad Chandler, Brad Schaller, Dale Burmester, John Spytek & Brian Schoenbeck

for their auctioneer services at the Youth Livestock Auction!

We also appreciate Michelle Gummersheimer for taking auction photos and the Republic Times newspaper for working with us to publish the photos!



IN MEMORY OF EMMA SCHULTHEIS



*In fields of green, a spirit bright,
A 4-H heart, now takes its flight.
With Head for thought and Hands for skill,
You served your club with heart and will.
The projects you pursued with care,
A legacy of joy you share.
Though sorrow clouds the skies above,
We hold you close with lasting love.
Your laughter echoes in the air,
A reminder of the joy you shared.
In every clover, green and strong,
We see the spirit that lived so long.
A memory cherished, pure and true,
Forever in our hearts, we remember you.*



4-H HALL OF FAME: RAELEEN NEARY



Congratulations to **Raeleen Neary** on her induction into the 2025 4-H Hall of Fame on August 8 at the Illinois State Fair! A special highlight was that her daughter, Janella, a member of the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team had the honor of announcing her recognition! The Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame recognizes 4-H volunteers with a track record of exemplary service to 4-H or outstanding career and community achievement. We truly appreciate Raeleen's dedication to the Monroe County 4-H program!



ILLINOIS STATE FAIR MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Great job to Cohen Brandt for representing Monroe County 4-H in the Master Showmanship Contest at the Illinois State Fair! Cohen competed against 64 other youth across the state exhibiting swine, cattle & sheep.



ILLINOIS STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Congratulations on a job well done to the Monroe County 4-H members who exhibited livestock at the Illinois State Fair: **Grayson Kruse (cattle)**, **Gracie Stechmesser (swine)**, **Luke Lutman (sheep)**, **Erin Halleran (sheep)**, **Kaleigh Halleran (sheep)**, and **Cohen Brandt (sheep)**.

Several ribbons were received by all, including some Champion & Reserve Champion awards!

Cohen Brandt even had the chance to participate in the **Parade of Champions** at the State Fair Coliseum.



ILLINOIS STATE FAIR GENERAL PROJECT EXHIBITORS

Twenty-three youth exhibited general projects at the Illinois State Fair on August 8 with the following receiving awards:

Champion: Elizabeth Koch (Creative Writing), Kaleigh Halleran (Entomology), Avery Cope (Cooking), Gwen Wiegand (Forestry), Stanley Hoerr (Natural Resources), Valerie Branson (Theater Arts), Brayden Koester (Welding); Reserve Champion: Isabell Shelton (Sewing), Elizabeth Murphy (Visual Arts); Inspire Award: Madeline Luther (cake decorating).



ILLINOIS STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS



BEST WISHES OLIVER VALERIUS!



Monroe County 4-H sends gratitude and best wishes to Mayestown Clovers 4-H Member, **Oliver Valerius**, for his recent enlistment in the United States Marine Corps!



CLOVER FRIENDS COMMUNITY GARDEN

Great job to the Clover Friends 4-H Club, who have tended to a community garden in Hecker all summer. Harvested produce has been donated to Martha's Kitchen, House of Neighborly Services, and more!



What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

Find out here:

<https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/39/1391529739.html>

- State Fair Success
- New 4-H Projects
- Shooting Sports Trainings
- Livestock Skillathon
- State Awards





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1	4-H New Year begins
September 15	4-H Award Applications & Livestock Record Books DUE
September 15	4-H Club Secretary Books due
September 29	4-H Leader Meeting/Treasurer Books Due
October	4-H Enrollment begins (watch email for date!)
October 2	Federation New Member Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Baebler Educational Farm (8th-12th grade)
October 5-11	National 4-H Week
October 5	4-H Bowling, West Park Bowl, Columbia
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October 6	4-H Week Proclamation, 8:00 a.m., Monroe Co. Courthouse
October 23	Wool Felting Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Mo. Co. Annex
October 25	4-H Find Out Event/Petting Zoo, 8-11 a.m., Mo. Co. Farmers Market
November 2	4-H Achievement Program, 6:30 p.m., Mo. Co. Fairgrounds
November 15	Harvest Night Dinner Auction, Hecker Community Center

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