

4-H FAMILY

ST. CLAIR COUNTY



SEPTEMBER 2025

NEWS

What an amazing 4-H show season!

Thank you to all our members, volunteers, families, sponsors, and everyone else who helped make this 2024 4-H Show season a success! We could not do it without your support and efforts.

Thank you,
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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/Monroe_AwardApp

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>

LIVESTOCK & HORSE 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.

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 through the process of filling the book out.

Books are due at the Extension office by September 15.



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**

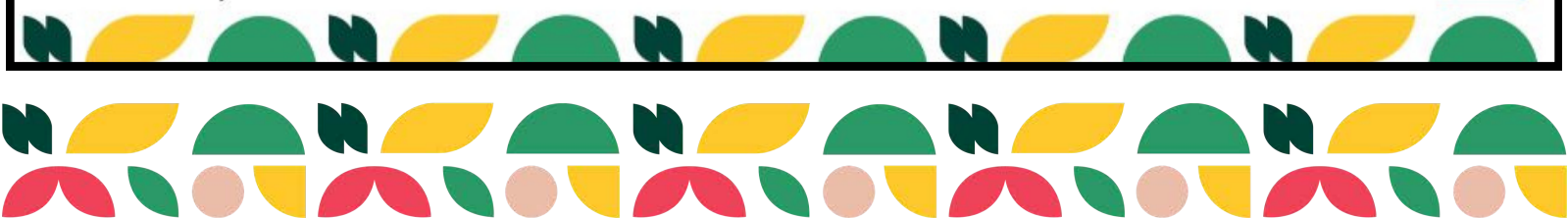
Thank a mentor, 4-H leader, or volunteer today!

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!



4-H Fair Week

Show-A-Rama

- 56 4-H members showed in Show-A-Rama
- 108 projects were shown for the Show-A-Rama projects



Dairy Cattle Show

- 3 4-H members showed in the Dairy Cattle Show



Rabbit Show

- 16 4-H members showed in the Rabbit Show



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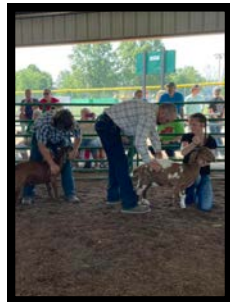
Poultry Show

- 15 4-H members showed in the Poultry Show



Goat Show

- 14 4-H members showed in the Goat Show



Swine Show

- 17 4-H members showed in the Swine Show



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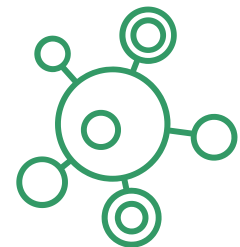
Beef Show

- Four 4-H members showed in the Beef Show



Sheep Show

- Seven 4-H members showed in the Sheep Show



State Fair Results 2025

Project	Exhibitor Name	Ribbon	Awards
Clothing and Textiles : Clothing Embellishment Stitched	Aymer, Pennie	Green	Reserve Champion
Creative Writing: Poetry	Cox, Adeline	Green	
Crops: Corn	Renner, Nicole	Green	Reserve Champion
Foods and Nutrition: 4-H Cooking 101 Cereal Bars	Ruth, David	Green	
Foods and Nutrition: Food Preservation Preservation Combination	Shirley, Lynn	Green	
Horticulture - Floriculture: Floriculture D	Sigstad, Faith	Green	Champion
Natural Resources: Outdoor Adventures 1-3	Shirley, Steven	Green	
Photography: Photography 2	Cox, Isaac	Green	
Visual Arts: Quilting: Quilting the Best Better	Sheppard, Casey	Green	
Visual Arts: Chalk / Carbon / Pigment Division B on Paper	Odunfa-Jones, Abigail	Green	
Visual Arts: Clay	Sigstad, Grace	Green	Champion
Visual Arts: Plastic	Stoks, Jillyn	Green	Reserve Champion
Visual Arts: Metal	Shirley, Mason	Green	
Welding: Welding	Fournie, Lukas	Green	
Public Speaking: Formal Speech - Original Beginner Ages 8-13	Stoks, Jillyn	Green	



4-H Hall of Fame Award

On August 8th, Don Kaiser was awarded the 2025 4-H Hall of Fame Award for St. Clair County!

Don Kaiser is a 4-H alumnus from the Turkey Hill AG 4-H Club in St. Clair County. He participated in 4-H for seven years and enjoyed showing sheep and swine. One of Don's fondest memories from his time in 4-H was when he showed his barrow during the Champion Drive. Unfortunately, his barrow was not cooperating and kept running down the aisle, making it difficult for him to get it to the ring. Fortunately for Don, the judge came out into the aisle to evaluate his pig, and he ultimately won Champion Barrow.

Don is actively involved with the St. Clair County Foundation, working diligently to support the 4-H Program and other extension areas. He has served on the Foundation board for 12 years and plans to continue his contributions, as he enjoys the work and has the time to dedicate to it. Don believes that if you see areas for improvement, you should take the initiative to make changes yourself.

St. Clair County is fortunate to have Don as a valuable member of their 4-H Program and Foundation, and we thank him for his dedication and commitment!



Congratulations



Thank you NRA Foundation!!

Thank you to the NRA Foundation for donating bows, arrows, targets, and cases to the St. Clair Hot Shots Archery Shooting Sports Club. In the club, 12 members are learning the skills of archery. The 4-H members were thrilled to have the new equipment to practice with!



*Thank
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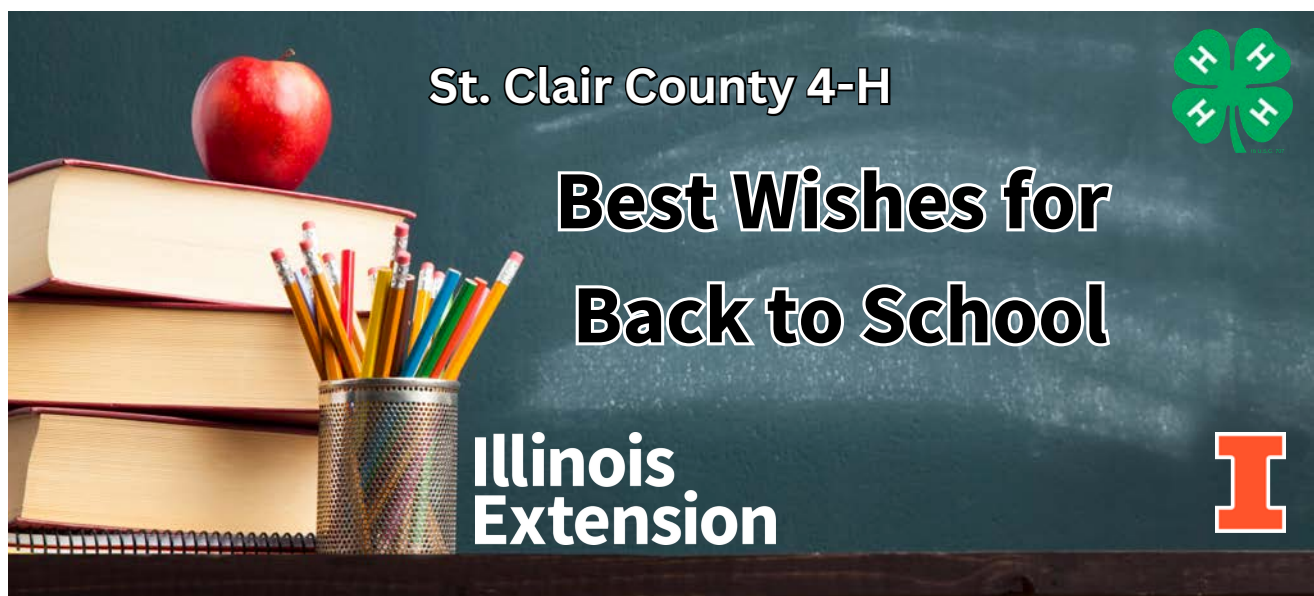
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2024

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

October 2024

- 4-H Enrollment begins
- Oct. 5-11 - National 4-H Week



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