



# MONROE COUNTY 4-H FAMILY



## October NEWS

### NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCT. 5 – OCT. 11, 2025

National 4-H Week is October 5-11.

We are proud to have a strong 4-H presence in Monroe County with 300 members involved in Community Clubs, Cloverbuds, SPIN Clubs, Science Clubs, Federation, and Teens as Teachers.

### CELEBRATE!

- Enroll in ZSuite (4h.zsuite.org) for the new 4-H year!
- Look for new project ideas to enroll in:  
[https://go.illinois.edu/4-H\\_Projects](https://go.illinois.edu/4-H_Projects)
  - Wear a 4-H shirt to school
  - Invite a friend to a 4-H meeting
- Thank a 4-H volunteer with a kind note
  - Promote 4-H on social media

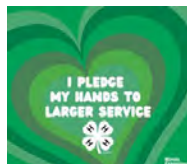
### DONATE!

In honor of 4-H Week and the new 4-H year, we are collecting items for the **Southwestern Illinois Violence Prevention Center.**

The following items are needed:

**combs, brushes, hair care items, cough drops, pain relievers, feminine hygiene products, pillows & size 4+ Pull-ups.**

Items can be collected individually and/or with your club and can be dropped off at the Monroe County Annex lobby, M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. by November 3.



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#### Office Hours:

Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Closed Noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

#### Monroe County Office

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#### Visit our website:

[web.extension.illinois.edu/mms](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mms)

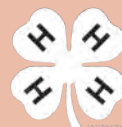
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## 2025-2026 4-H ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

### 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 for the 2025-2026 4-H year.

If you have any problems with enrollment, please contact Kelly at [kmbrandt@illinois.edu](mailto: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/25-26\\_4-HProjectBookOrder](https://go.illinois.edu/25-26_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.

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## MONROE COUNTY 4-H SHIRTS FOR SALE!

Youth Small, Medium, Large & XL  
Adult Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL & XXXL

T-shirts: \$15

Crewneck Sweatshirts: \$25

Hoodies: \$30

Checks or cash accepted.  
Checks can be made out to Monroe County  
4-H Federation.

**All Sweatshirts  
40% off!**





# GEOLOGY EXPLORE TOUR



**Saturday, October 4, 2025**  
**9:00a.m.**

**Lakeview Park, Waterloo**  
**Meet @ Back Pavillion**

**Open to ages 8-18**  
**Parents welcome!**

*(Youth under 13 must have a guardian accompany them.)*

*\*Snacks provided!*

**LEARN ABOUT  
MONROE COUNTY  
GEOLOGY AND THE  
EARTH UNDER YOUR  
FEET!**

Participants should dress for being in the woods  
& water for short hikes and creek walking.

\*Tour will be delayed until the afternoon if there is  
inclement weather in the morning.

**REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 10 YOUTH.**  
**REGISTER BY OCT. 2 HERE:**

<https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/42111>



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# FEDERATION NEW MEMBER MEETING BONFIRE & COOKOUT

THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 2  
6:00P.M.



BAEBLER EDUCATIONAL  
FARM-BACK PAVILLION

4022 JJ RD., WATERLOO

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 8 & UP.  
(DO NOT NEED TO BE A 4-H MEMBER TO JOIN)

## Federation provides:

- ✓ Leadership Development
- ✓ Team Building
- ✓ Community Involvement
- ✓ Event Planning
- ✓ Socializing



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a reasonable accommodation to attend, call the registration office.



You are invited to a  
*W*izarding Night with 4-24

at the [Morrison-Talbott Library](#) on [Wednesday, October 22](#), starting at [6:00 p.m.](#) Prepare to embark on a journey of wonder as youth are sorted into their destined houses. Together, you will create house ties and delve into the mystical realms of Astrology, Potions, and Herbology. Join us for a night filled with spellbinding adventures and friendships forged in the fires of creativity!

Calling all aspiring young sorcerers between the ages of 8 and 14! A magical opportunity awaits you! To embark on your journey into the wondrous world of wizardry, simply send an enchanted scroll (email) to [mtl@waterloolibrary.org](mailto:mtl@waterloolibrary.org) or summon them with a call at [618-939-6232](tel:618-939-6232). But heed this warning: only 20 fortunate wizards will be accepted into this mystical program. So don't delay—register today and prepare to unleash your magical potential!



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# Needle Felting Workshop

October 23, 2025

6:30p.m.

Monroe County Annex  
901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo

Needle felting is a craft that uses barbed needles to interlock wool fibers into firm shapes and designs, creating decorative objects.

Join us as we learn about this intricate art and create your very own project with WJHS Art Teacher, Annette Rau. Special guest Melanie Shelton, with Shearwater Farms will also join us to teach about wool processing.

Open to youth ages 10 and up.

Limited to 15 participants.

\$10/person

Register by October 21:

<https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/42114>



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Check out our  
Petting Zoo &  
4-H project  
examples!

Are you interested in  
joining 4-H?

Do you want to learn  
more?

What kinds of clubs  
are available? What  
projects can you learn  
about?

**Come out and find out!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025**

ANYTIME  
BETWEEN  
9-11A.M.

Monroe County  
Annex front lawn  
901 Illinois Ave.  
Waterloo

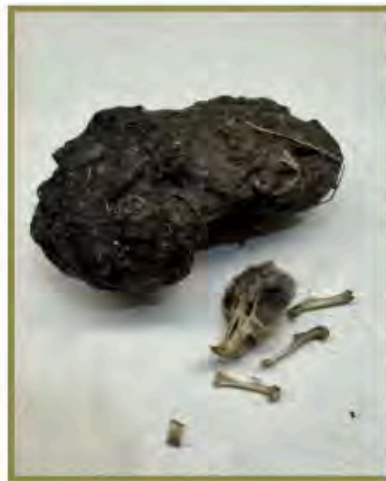
QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT KELLY AT  
[KMBRANDT@ILLINOIS.EDU](mailto:KMBRANDT@ILLINOIS.EDU)  
OR 618-939-3434



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Clifftop presents:



## Examining Owl Pellets

**Saturday, October 4, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Paul  
Wightman Subterranean Nature Preserve  
3325 G Road, Fults, IL**

Clifftop president and biology professor Bob Weck will lead this event where kids learn about the diet of owls and the anatomy of the mammal skeleton by dissecting "owl pellets". Owls swallow their prey (mostly small mammals) whole and regurgitate a lump of undigested fur and bones called a pellet. We will pick apart some owl pellets to identify the bones and figure out what kind of animals they came from. Participation is limited to 16 children, ages 6-16. Register to attend by calling 618-340-1772 or email [cliffmbr@htc.net](mailto:cliffmbr@htc.net).





# 2024-2025 Monroe County 4-H Achievement Program

**Sunday Nov. 2, 2025  
6:30pm**

*Hosted by the  
Monroe County 4-H  
Federation*

**Monroe County  
Fairgrounds**  
4177 St. Rt. 156, Waterloo



**4-H is collecting donations for the  
Southwestern Illinois Violence  
Prevention Center. Please consider  
bringing the following to donate:  
combs, brushes, hair care items, cough  
drops, pain relievers, feminine hygiene  
products, pillows & size 4+ Pull-ups.**

## **Join us to celebrate:**

**1st, 5th, 10th & 11th year members  
Top Secretary/Treasurers  
Award Application & Livestock  
Record Book Applicants  
Local & State Fair  
Acknowledgements  
1st, 5th, 10th, etc. year Leaders  
I Dare You Award Recipients  
State Participation  
& More!**

*Desserts Provided*

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# HARVEST NIGHT

SUPPORTING MONROE COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER

15

Over 17 years, your generous support for Harvest Night has made it possible to offer and fund:

- SCHOLARSHIPS
- BAEBLER EDUCATIONAL FARM
- MANY 4-H & YOUTH PROGRAMS
- MASTER GARDENER & MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAMS

**\$30/PERSON**

HECKER COMMUNITY CENTER  
DOORS OPEN: 5PM DINNER:  
6PM

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1ST**

**HARVESTNIGHT.NET**





# HARVEST NIGHT [18] NOVEMBER 15 / DOORS OPEN @ 5PM / DINNER @ 6PM

Questions contact: 618.928.2424 or info@harvestnight.net

PLEASE RETURN ENTIRE FORM BY NOVEMBER 1 WITH ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION INDICATED. PLEASE RETURN ENTIRE FORM BY NOVEMBER 1 WITH ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION INDICATED. PLEASE RETURN ENTIRE FORM BY NOVEMBER 1 WITH ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION INDICATED.

## RESERVATIONS:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
If Advertising, please indicate name as it should appear on digital advertising

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket(s)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30/each

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIT WITH?** Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

Include ALL names:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Questions about RESERVATIONS  
contact: info@harvestnight.net  
or Tricia Lutman @ 618.830.2183

## AUCTION ITEM:

Brief description of Auction item:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Questions about  
AUCTION ITEM  
DONATIONS, contact:  
Raeleen Neary @  
618.920.0002  
OR  
Kevin Schreder after 6pm @  
618.406.7037

Item value: \_\_\_\_\_ Date item is available: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require a charitable contribution tax receipt for your records? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_ (Please fill in the value. Tax receipt letters will be mailed after the Dinner

Auction.)

## DIGITAL AD:

Digital advertisements run on a loop the entire evening. Multiple advertising spaces can be purchased to display during each loop. **Example:** 2 Ad(s) @ \$50 each would cost \$100 for 2 spaces in each loop.

Please email new ads as a PDF, Hi-Res JPG, TIF or PNG to twoboysandsomegoats@gmail.com. Please include **Harvest Night 18/2025 Ad** in the subject line.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please use previous ad

\_\_\_\_\_ I am sending a new ad

\_\_\_\_\_ Ad(s)

@ \$50/each

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SPONSORSHIP:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 + - Titanium Level

\_\_\_\_\_ \$250-499 - Platinum Level

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100-249 - Gold Level

\_\_\_\_\_ Up to \$99 - Silver Level

Questions about DIGITAL ADS or  
SPONSORSHIPS, contact: Tina Woodcock @  
618.972.7509 or  
twoboysandsomegoats@gmail.com

Sponsorship amount:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE:** Make checks payable to: MC Extension & 4-H Education Foundation

Please mail this entire form and payment to: Harvest Night, P.O. Box 246, Waterloo, IL 62298

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Paid on-line: Conf. # \_\_\_\_\_



## HARVEST NIGHT CAKES & DONATIONS NEEDED!

Bakers are needed to make a delicious cake for Harvest Night, Saturday, November 15. Any type of cake is great for you to make.....A nice change would be for assorted bundt cakes to be served.

Don't these bundt cakes sound good, even using cake mixes: Snickerdoodle, Cranberry Orange, Peach Cobbler, Pecan Upside Down, Red Velvet Black Bottom Salted Caramel, Apple Cinnamon, and more. I found some wonderful recipes on the internet, and I am sure you have some too!

Assorted cake mixes will be available from the Extension in early October. Please contact Pam Jacobs at 618-604-3549 with questions, and let me know if you are willing to provide a cake.

Cakes can be brought to the event, held at the Hecker Community Center, or brought to the Extension Office on Friday, November 14, by 1 p.m.



Donations are also needed for the live and silent auctions.

**The Harvest Night 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.**



## SNOW CONE SYRUP FOR SALE!

There are 2 gallons of grape, and one 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!



## What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

### Find out here:

<https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/92/473304792.html>

- New 4-H Year
- 4-H Week
- Building Bricks!
- Livestock Skillathon
- And More!







## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	4-H Enrollment begins
October 2	Federation New Member Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Baebler Educational Farm (8th-12th grade)
October 4	Geology Explore Tour, 9:00 a.m., Lakeview Park/Creek
October 5-11	National 4-H Week
October 5	4-H Bowling, 3:00-5:00 p.m., West Park Bowl, Columbia
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October 6	4-H Week Proclamation, 8:00 a.m., Monroe Co. Courthouse
October 22	4-H Wizarding Night, 6:00 p.m., Morrison Talbot Library
October 23	Needle Felting Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Mo. Co. Annex
October 25	4-H Find Out Event/Petting Zoo, 8-11:00 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
November 27-28	Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

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