

# 4-H FAMILY

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY

### NOVEMBER 2024

# NEWS



### Hello 4-H Families,

Happy November! I am excited about all the amazing things that our 4-H members and clubs have accomplished. At your next club meeting, your leader will present awards to the members who submitted award applications and livestock records. Award winners are announced on the next page. Congratulations to all our award winners!

A reminder to submit your 4-H enrollment as soon as possible. Please send a thank-you card to our two sponsors: St. Clair County Farm Bureau, 1478 IL-15, Belleville, IL 62221, and St. Clair County Livestock Boosters, 7062 Funk School Road, Freeburg, IL 62243.

For more information and instructions on enrollment, please see the details listed below.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 618-344-4230 with any questions!

Thank you,

**Meghan Cope** | 4-H Program Coordinator  
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## **CLUB AWARDS**

Top Two Club Treasurer Books

- **Emerald Clovers 4-H Club** by Charlotte Ruth
- **New Ideal 4-H Club** by Josephine LeChien

Top Secretary Book:

- **Emerald Clovers 4-H Club** by David Ruth
- **Farmers and Friends 4-H Club** by Quinn Radloff

## **I Dare You Award Winners**

Congratulations to **Daniel McComb** and **Julie-Anne Erickson** from **Creative Critters 4-H Club** for winning the St. Clair County I Dare You Award.

## **AWARD APPLICATION RECOGNITION**

**\*\* Indicates Top Award in Age Group**

Top Participation: **Mason Shirley**

Top Community Service: **Julie-Anne Erickson**

Top Leadership: **Jilly Stoks**

Top Project Learning: **Daniel McComb**

Great job to everyone who submitted an award application and livestock record book! Youth who submitted a livestock record book received a 4-H lanyard, and youth who submitted an award application received a 4-H tumbler.



# **AWARD APPLICATION RECOGNITION CONTINUED**

**\*\* Indicates Top Award in Age Group**

## **Career & Leadership Development**

### **Age 11-14**

Jilly Stoks \*\*

## **Civic Engagement**

### **Age 11-14**

Abigial Odunfa-Jones \*\*

### **Age 15-18**

Julie-Anne Erickson \*\*

## **Creative Arts**

### **Age 11-14**

Abigail Odunfa-Jones

Jilly Stoks \*\*

John Dill

## **Environmental Science**

### **Age 11-14**

Jilly Stoks \*\*

### **Age 11-14**

Jilly Stoks \*\*



# **AWARD APPLICATION RECOGNITION CONTINUED**

**\*\* Indicates Top Award in Age Group**

## **Healthy Living & Nutrition**

### **Age 15-18**

Lynn Shirley \*\*

## **STEM**

### **Age 11-14**

Mason Shirley \*\*

### **Age 15-18**

Daniel McComb \*\*

Logan Dill

## **Livestock Record Book Recognition**

**\*\* Indicates Top Award in Age Group**

## **Beef**

### **Age 8-10**

Parker Eschmann\*\*

### **Age 15-18**

Johanna Kraemer\*\*

## **Dairy Cow**

### **Age 8-10**

John Meng\*\*

### **Age 15-18**

Jack Henss\*\*

Johanna Kraemer



# *Livestock Record Book Recognition Continue*

**\*\* Indicates Top Award in Age Group**

## Dairy Goat

### Age 8-10

Lucas Sheppard\*\*

### Age 15-18

Abby Deal\*\*

## Meat Goat

### Age 8-10

Luella Mayer\*\*

### Age 11-14

Quinn Radloff\*\*

Ryan Sawyer

Xavier Green

### Age 15-18

Alyssa Benson\*\*

Brady Benson

Nicole Renner

## Swine

### Age 8-10

Caleb Otten\*\*

Lucas Sheppard

Kinsey Otten

Genevieve Schilling

### Age 11-14

Quinn Radloff\*\*

Ely Sonsoucic

Reese Sonsoucic

Casey Sheppard

Jonathan Sheppard

Xavier Green

Ryan Sawyer

### Age 15-18

Alyssa Benson\*\*

Brady Benson\*\*

Johanna Kraemer

Alex Sawyer



## 2025-2026 4-H HANDBOOK

Here is this year's 4-H handbook for all 4-H members and families:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/StClairCounty4-HHandbook>.

The handbook goes over what 4-H is, the policies, what clubs do, the event calendar, and so much more. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Cope via email at [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)

## 2025-2026 4-H MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

Youth **five through seven years of age, on or before September 1** of the current 4-H year, may enroll in 4-H Cloverbud groups.

Youth who are **eight years of age and have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1** may enroll in 4-H clubs.

A youth who enrolls in a Madison County 4-H club must:

- **Attend at least four meetings** to be called a 4-H member. Youth who do not comply are not eligible to participate in 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums, or receive other 4-H awards and recognitions available to 4-H members. **(College students can be enrolled when they live away from home and must attend at least one meeting when they are home on breaks or virtually.)**
- **Present a talk or demonstration at a club meeting during the project year.**
- **Youth enrolled in a livestock market class must turn in a livestock record book by September 15. If not completed by September 15, the youth will not be able to participate in a livestock market class the following year.**
- Complete enrollment by **January 15 to exhibit projects at 4-H shows.** Youth may enroll after this date, but are not eligible to exhibit projects at shows. Projects can be added up to this deadline, but the addition of projects is not accepted online after this date (except for SPIN Clubs).



# 4-H Enrollment Information

## Enrollment for the 2025-2026 4-H year is open!

We will again be using the Z-Suite platform to collect enrollment information.

New members, please use the instructions below to create a household account for your family and enroll youth members. Returning members, please use the same login information as last year. Adults who are screened volunteers must enroll in Z-Suites, too. If you have any questions, please email Meghan at [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu) or call 618-344-4230.

There is a \$20 fee for all youth enrolled in the Illinois 4-H program. Enrollment fees will be sponsored by the St. Clair County Farm Bureau, 1478 IL-15, Belleville, IL 62221, and the St. Clair County Livestock Boosters, 7062 Funk School Road, Freeburg, IL 62243. 4-H Clubs and Families are encouraged to send a **THANK YOU** note to both sponsors for their generosity.

### Z-Suites

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

### Instructions to enroll:

**New Members:** <https://go.illinois.edu/StClairCountyZSuiteQuickStartGuide>

**Returning Members:** <https://go.illinois.edu/StClairZSuiteReenrollmentInstructions>

**Leaders:** <https://go.illinois.edu/StClairCountyZSuiteClubLeaderManagementGuide>

Please mark all the projects they are interested in on the youth's account. When Fair Entry is released in April/May, that is when they will commit to which project from Z-Suites they plan to showcase at the 2026 fair.

The deadline to enroll to be able to show during the 2026 fair season is **January 15, 2026**. If **they are not enrolled by January 15, youth will not be able to show any projects for the 2026 fair season**. 4-H members can still sign up to participate in 4-H after the deadline, but are **not allowed to attend the 2026 fair season**.



## ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H PROCLAMATION

On October 27, the St. Clair County Board officially recognized October 5-11 as National 4-H Week by signing the 4-H Proclamation. 4-H members Lynn S. and Daniel M. shared their 4-H stories with the board. Extension staff members Meghan C., William C., and Elizabeth L. provided an overview of the 4-H Program in St. Clair County and presented a report from the most recent 4-H year. Thank you once again to the St. Clair County Board for signing the Proclamation and supporting 4-H!



# 4-H DOG AND CAT FOOD AND SUPPLY DRIVE



Deadline December 1st  
Drop off at **St. Clair County Farm Bureau** 1478 IL-15,  
Belleville, IL 62221



All donations will benefit dogs and cats at the St Clair Animal Services and Adoption Center!

## Supplies needed:

- Canned Puppy and Kitten Food
- Sensitive Food
- Broth
- Kitten and Puppy Formula
- Newspapers
- Martingale Collars
- Ziplock Baggies
- Sipleads
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Poop Bags
- Peanut Butter
- Spray Cheese



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# 4-H Fall Photography Contest

Submit your digital fall photograph by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> to Meghan Cope via email  
[mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)

## Rules:

- Take a picture with a Fall theme.
- Photograph must be taken by 4-H member.
- 2 age groups- Cloverbuds age 5-7 & 4-H members age 8-18
- One entry per member
- Open to Madison and St. Clair County 4-H
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both age groups!

Questions should be directed to Meghan at  
[mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)

Winners announced and pictures displayed on county 4-H Facebook page.



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# Livestock Boosters of St. Clair County T-shirt Contest

The **St. Clair County Livestock Boosters** are looking for creative 4-H members from around the county to design an **emblem for our new shirts!**

**Deadline:** January 2, 2026.

(Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 2 if mailed.)

Please mail submissions to:

**Tori DeClercq**  
605 Phil Kate Circle  
Freeburg, IL

Or email them to:

**toriwall27@gmail.com**

**Questions?** Contact Tori DeClercq at **618-795-2699**.

## Design Requirements:

- Must include the words:  
“Livestock Boosters of St. Clair County”
- Should represent each animal species
- Cannot include the official 4-H Clover
- No more than 2-3 colors on the design

## Winner Receives:

**A \$50 gift card & a  
Free shirt featuring  
their winning  
design**

**\*\* After submitting, please call or text to let us know. We do not want to miss any entries!  
The Boosters will vote on the winning design at their monthly meeting. \*\***



## St. Clair County Shooting Sports 4-H Clubs

Are you interested in joining a St. Clair County 4-H Shooting Sports Club? Below are our clubs that you can join. If you have any questions, contact Meghan Cope via email at [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu).

### 4-H Blasters Rifle Shooting Sports Club

Meeting: 1st Saturday of  
the month  
Discipline- Rifle  
Location: Lebanon  
Leader: Ryan Stoks  
(rstoksdadd@gmail.com)

### St. Clair Hot Shots Archery Shooting Sports Club

Meeting: 1st Saturday of the  
month  
Description: Archery  
Meeting Date: Lebanon  
Leader: Ryan Stoks  
(rstoksdadd@gmail.com)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### November 2025

- Nov 14 4-H Fall Photography Contest

### December 2025

- Dec 15 Deadline for 4-H Gingerbread House Contest
- Dec. 24 - Jan 1 Office Closed for Holiday Break

### January 2025

- Jan 15: ZSuites enrollment closes



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