



MONROE COUNTY 4-H FAMILY



March 2026

NEWS

GENERAL PROJECTS SHOWBOOK

The 4-H Showbook is available to view online at

<https://go.illinois.edu/Showbook-General>

The Showbook contains show dates and project guidelines for the:

- Public Speaking Show
 - Horse Show
 - Food Demo Show
- Show-A-Rama (general projects)

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[monroe_county_il_4h](https://www.instagram.com/monroe_county_il_4h)

The 4-H Fair Showbook will be posted soon!



4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

In order to exhibit projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least four meetings during the 4-H year in your primary club.
 - Give a talk or demonstration at your 4-H club meeting.
 - Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2026.
 - All livestock project members must show their leader an in-progress Livestock Record Book at their May, June, or July Club meeting before the county fair AND complete their book by September 15. Additional show and livestock auction requirements are found in the 4-H Showbooks.



YQCA TRAINING & LIVESTOCK CLINIC

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 18,
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

STEER WEIGH IN & WINTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Congratulations to the winners of the Winter Showmanship Contest at the 2026 Steer Weigh-in: Senior: Derek Duchene, Intermediate: Wyatt Ruwald, Junior: Callie Rohlfing, Beginner: Waylenn Kruse

Winners received a \$25 gift card from Rural King, sponsored by the 4-H Beef Committee. Judging was done by 4-H Alum, Adam Doyle.

Thank you to those who helped with the 4-H Beef Committee: **Cody Schmitz, Keegan Yearian, Lane Shevlin, Rebecca Kuehner, & Cohen Brandt.** Thank you to the Beef Superintendents, **Patrick Doyle, Melinda Braun, Kody Schwarze,** and to all the volunteers who helped set up/take down and assisted during the weigh-in process! We appreciate all of your support!



QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS CERTIFICATION

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

This training is required for all members enrolled in:
HORSE, RABBIT, POULTRY, DOG, CAT & SMALL PET projects shown live or via an Animal Science project.

<https://4h.zsuite.org/clover-academy>
Choose: Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification

Certifications only need to be completed one time.
Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

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FEDERATION BINGO AT OAK HILL



Monroe County 4-H Federation members spent quality time with residents at Oak Hill playing their annual Bingo games together.



4-H FAMILY HANDBOOK

Need to know more about...

- Project selection
- 4-H Shows
- Member expectations
- Livestock requirements
- Where to go for questions

Check out the Monroe County 4-H Handbook:
<https://go.illinois.edu/FamilyHandbook>



GENERAL LIVESTOCK INFO

Livestock Birth/Ownership/Tattoo Dates:
<https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockOwnershipDeadlines>

Livestock Exhibition Health Guidelines:
(2026 Coming Soon)
<https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockHealthRequirements>

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 available 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 available 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.

RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2025-2026 4-H Award Applications are available on our website:
https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp

Before filling them out, you can keep track of your 4-H activities throughout the year with the 4-H Experience Log:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MyExperienceLog>



WINTER WARM UP LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

4-H members are invited to participate!

**4th Annual Waterloo FFA
WINTER WARM-UP
Livestock Judging Contest**

March 28th, 2020 **Add your body text**

Monroe County Fairgrounds
4117 IL156, Waterloo, IL 62298
Registration will begin at 8:30
Contest Start at 10:00 am

New this year!!
Registration from 8:30-9:30
at Monroe County Annex
901 Illinois Ave. Waterloo, IL
62298

Food will be available to
Purchase at the Monroe
County Annex during
lunch

Pre Registration is REQUIRED
Registration will close March 26th, changes are able to be made the morning of the contest. Use the form below to submit teams or individuals

<https://forms.gle/S7HYeDr7bB1JvqcC8>

Teams will consist of 5 members with top 3 scores counting
Coaches may enter as many teams as they wish.

Divisions

- Senior Questions (9th grade and up)
- Junior Questions (8th grade and younger)
- Cost is \$8/participant

Classes

- 8 classes: Sheep, Goats, Swine, and Beef
- Classes will be either market or breeding
- 2 classes with questions
- Performance data and/or EPDs may be used

Questions?
Email Cohen Brandt: brandcohen@wcusd5.net



4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS

★ 23rd Annual ★ 4-H Day

WITH THE

Cardinals

TICKET ONLY

\$28

*All Sales Final

T-SHIRT INCLUDED!



SATURDAY

16

MAY

*Payment is by credit card only

CARDINALS



ROYALS

4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a St. Louis Cardinals game while they play the Kansas City Royals!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 13

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Each ticket order includes an entry into a drawing for autographed baseballs and other great prizes. One 4-H member will be drawn to throw out the first pitch! Drawing winners will be notified after April 27.
- Prize and drawing winners will be notified after April 27.

*Please note - groups that wish to sit together **MUST** submit **ONE** order.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h/4-h-projects-opportunities/4-h-opportunities/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals>

TICKET/T-SHIRT QUESTIONS? Contact Rhonda Shafer at shaferr@missouri.edu

PARADE/DRAWING QUESTIONS? Contact Tanner Adkins at tadkins@missouri.edu



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SHEEP FEST



40TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SHEEP & CRAFT FESTIVAL

SATURDAY **APRIL 11 2026**

@ MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Waterloo, IL

MoCo SPRING SHOWCASE:

- Jackpot-style show after Judging Contest
- More info on Facebook: MoCo Spring Showcase or Erin 618-570-5514 or Garrett 618-340-2826

OFFERING 4 CLASSES:
SPINNING W/DROP SPINDLE,
DRY FELTING, BEG. KNIT / CROCHET
SIGN-UP ONLINE @ MCSHEEPPRODUCERS.COM

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:

- » **KIDS CORNER / GAMES & ACTIVITIES**
Hosted by: *Monroe County 4-H Federation*
- » **BALLOON ARTIST** • 11am-1pm
- » **JUDGING CONTEST BEGINS** • 9:00am
open to all youth ages 8-19
**Please sign-up prior to contest*
- » **WOOL-PULL Pedal Pull**
Hosted by: *Monroe County FB Young Leaders*
Registration/Kids Corner @ 10:30am
Pull starts @ 11:30am in exhibit (main) building
{Contestant weight limit~35-120lbs.}
- » **SHEARING DEMOS** • 10am - 2pm • hourly
- » **WORKING SHEEP DOGS** • 11am, 12:30 & 2pm
Exhibition by *Robin Reasoner*
{dogs on grounds approx. 10am to 3pm}
- » **LUNCH** • 11am - 1:30pm
CARRYOUT with Dine-in areas available
Sampler plate featuring locally grown Lamb -
1 Chop + Brat + Shaved Leg + Burger w/2 sides

ALL DAY DISPLAYS:

- Spinning, Knitting & Weaving Demos
- Sheep Breeds

Local Lamb Cuts available to purchase:

- Vacuum sealed for your freezer & available to purchase on the day of the event

ADVANCE ORDERS TAKEN W/PICK-UP DAY OF:

- Contact Tricia Lutman at 618-830-2183 or email: info@mcsheepproducers.com

EVENT HOSTED BY: **MONROE COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS**

SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT:



LOCAL SPONSORS:



SPRING SHEEP SHOWCASE

APRIL 11TH, 2026
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
4177 IL-156, WATERLOO, IL, 62298

MoCo
Spring Showcase

— **ENTRY INFO** —
\$15 PER HEAD
\$25 LATE ENTRY FEE
NO SHOWMANSHIP FEE

Open to all juniors 21 and under
◆ *Market and breeding classes available*
◆ *Entry on Showman app opens 1/15*
◆ *Payouts determined by entries*
◆ *Papers required for breed classes*
◆ *See Facebook page for rules and more info*

◆ — **Contact** — ◆

◆ **Erin Halleran** ◆ **Garrett Brandt**
◆ **618-570-5514** ◆ **618-340-2826**



GARDENBUDS



GROW WITH 4-H GARDENBUDS

Open to youth ages 5-8*
 *Must have completed Kindergarten

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN HOW TO GROW VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS, COOK WITH PRODUCE, EXPLORE POLLINATION & INSECTS, LEARN ABOUT WEATHER, PLANT PARTS, THE PLANT LIFE CYCLE, AND MORE!

MEETING DATES

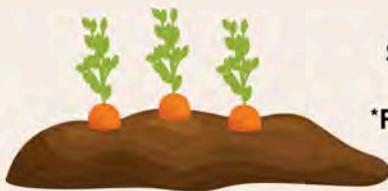
- JUNE 2, 9:00-11:30 A.M.**
- JUNE 23, 9:00-11:30 A.M.**
- JULY 14, 9:00-11:30 A.M.**
- AUGUST 4, 6:00-7:30 P.M.**
- SEPTEMBER 1, 6:00-7:30 P.M.**
- OCTOBER 6, 6:00-7:30 P.M.**

Register: www.zsuite.org and choose "Gardenbuds" club by May 26.
 Limited to 15 participants.



\$30 fee* includes supplies and snacks for 6 sessions.

*Fee payable by cash or check at first session.



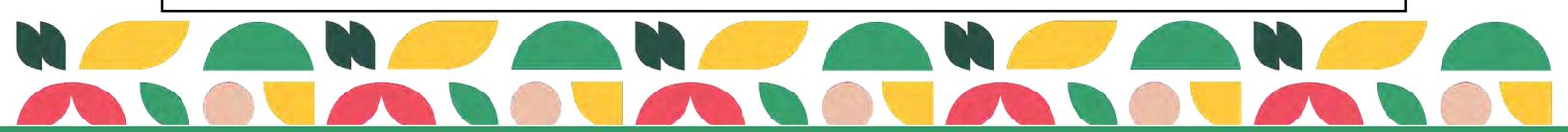
Call 618-939-3434 for more info.



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THANK YOU!

The Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation held its Annual Meeting on January 29 and recognized the service of longtime Foundation members, **Kevin Schreder, Jennifer Nobbe, and Susan Rick.**

We appreciate their dedication and service in supporting Extension in Monroe County!



MONROE CO. EXTENSION & 4-H EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2026

Applicants must be seniors in high school who have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1, 2025, and must have been enrolled and active in a 4-H club program for at least four consecutive years. The applicant must be a resident of Monroe County and or reside in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, or Red Bud School districts.

4-H members can only receive the Scholarship once. Applicants must be accepted into or be attending a post-high school education program.

The application is available at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MoCoFoundationScholarship>

LESTER & LUCILLE KORSMEYER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2026

Requirements:

- A high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years
- A permanent resident of Madison, St. Clair or Monroe County
- The applicant will be chosen based on several criteria, including a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, a history of 4-H involvement, and other school and community activities.

The application is available at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/Korsmeyer>





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| March 7 | Regional Horse Bowl/Hippology Contest, SWIC-Red Bud |
| March 23 | Public Speaking Show, 6:30 p.m., Monroe Co. Annex |
| March 24 | Cook & Connect, 3:15 p.m., Monroe Co. Annex |
| April 11 | Sheep Festival & Youth Sheep/Goat Judging Contest |
| April 13 | 4-H Day with the Cardinals-REGISTRATION DEADLINE |
| April 18 | YQCA Training & Livestock Clinic, Mo. Co. Fairgrounds |
| April 21-22 | 5th Grade Conservation Days, Waterloo Sportsman's Club |
| April 30 | 4-H Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Monroe Co. Annex |
| May 2 | Market Lamb & Goat Weigh-in, Monroe Co. Fairgrounds |
| May 9 | Horse Show, 9:00 a.m., Monroe County Fairgrounds |
| May 16 | 4-H Day with the Cardinals, Busch Stadium, STL |
| June 1 | Food Demo Show, 6:30 p.m., Monroe Co. Annex |
| June 27 | Show-A-Rama, 8:30 a.m., (General Project Show) |
| July 19-26 | Monroe County Fair (Livestock, Horticulture, Crops) |
| August 15 | Monroe County Day @ IL State Fair, Springfield |



What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

Find out about STATE EVENTS here:

<https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/67/1789508067.html>



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