



4-H FAMILY

MONROE COUNTY

APRIL 2025

NEWS



4-H SHOWBOOK

The **4-H Showbook** is available to view online with show dates and project guidelines for the Horse Show, Food Demo Show, and Show-A-Rama (general projects) here:
<https://go.illinois.edu/Showbook-General>

The **4-H Fair Showbook** is available to view online with show dates and project guidelines for Livestock, Horticulture & Crops projects here:
<https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeFairShowbook>

Please register to exhibit your projects here:
<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19737>
using these instructions:
<https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeFairEntryDirections>

(If you made a profile in Fair Entry last year, you should log in with the username/password you previously used.)

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, 2025**.
- 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.

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



AIR RIFLE CLUB

Air Rifle 4-H Club

First Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 6-7pm

(Subsequent meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month until October.)

Baebler Educational Farm

(back pavilion)

4028 JJ Rd., Waterloo

This Shooting Sports Club is a great opportunity for beginners!

Limited to 10 participants (ages 8-18 by Sept. 1, 2024).

Air rifles and safety equipment are provided or you can bring your own.

This club is led by a Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor.

Register for club: 4h.zsuite.org and choose "Shooting Sports-Air Rifle" Club

Please contact Kelly Brandt at kmbrandt@illinois.edu or 939-3434 for more info.



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FISHING/WILDLIFE CLUB

Fishing & Wildlife 4-H Club



Info Meeting: Monday, April 14, 6:00p.m.

Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo

Open to youth ages 8-18 (by Sept. 1, 2024)

This club offers the opportunity to learn fishing skills and engage in wildlife observation.

Register: 4h.zsuite.org and choose
"Fishing & Wildlife Club"

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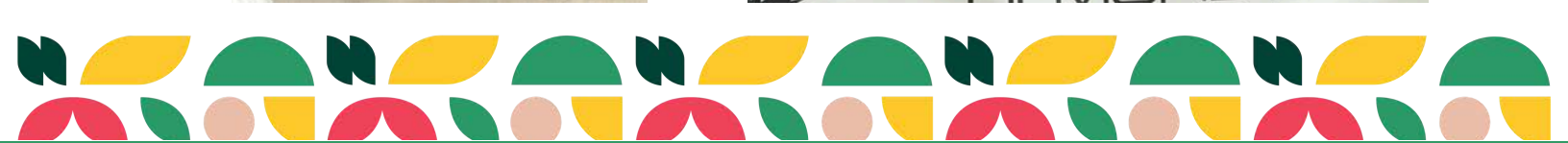
PUBLIC SPEAKING SHOW

The Monroe County 4-H Public Speaking Show was held on March 27. Participants included Oscar Hoerr with an oral interpretation of “Are You Grumpy Santa?”, Kaleigh Halleran with an oral interpretation of “The Fish Story,” and Brynn Glaezer with an illustrated speech titled “Cattle Color Genetics.” All were chosen to advance to the State Public Speaking Show, which will take place on April 26 in Champaign. Good luck, everyone!



LIVE LINE DEMO

Thank you to Monroe County Electric Cooperative, which hosted a very informative lesson about electrical safety for 4-H members and families on March 11.



★ 22nd Annual ★
4-H DAY

with the
Cardinals

TICKET ONLY

\$26

*All sales final

T-SHIRT INCLUDED!



SATURDAY

24
MAY

*payment is by credit card only

CARDINALS

VS

DIAMONDBACKS

4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the Diamondbacks!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 21

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Each ticket order enters your name into a drawing to win autographed baseballs and other prizes. One 4-H Member from Missouri and one 4-H Member from Illinois will be drawn to throw out the first pitch! Winners will be notified after May 7 and prizes will be mailed after the game.

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

REGISTER HERE:

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

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

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



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39th Annual Southern Illinois

SHEEP & CRAFT FESTIVAL

NEW FOR 2025!

OFFERING 2 CLASSES:
BASKET WEAVING & A YARN CLASS
SIGN-UP ONLINE @ MCSHEEPPRODUCERS.COM

SATURDAY APRIL 12 2025

@ MONROE COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
Waterloo, IL



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 *Mary Mackenzie & 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

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

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

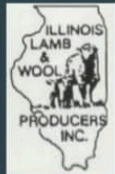
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Ray Henerfauth	618-581-2183	Gary Brandt	618-920-5924

EVENT HOSTED BY:



SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT:



LOCAL SPONSORS:



APRIL 12TH, 2025
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
4177 IL-156, WATERLOO, IL, 62298

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 1/1
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





4-H HORSE SHOW

Saturday, May 10, 9:00 a.m.
Monroe County Fairgrounds



Open to all 4-H members enrolled in a horse project.

Check out the 4-H Showbook for class information and requirements:

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

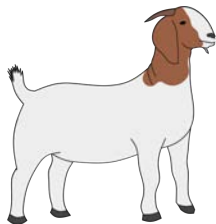
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using these instructions: <https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeFairEntryDirections>

(If you made a profile in Fair Entry last year, you should log in with the username/password you previously used.)

Register by May 5.



GOAT & SHEEP WEIGH-IN

Saturday, May 4, 8:00 a.m.
Monroe County Fairgrounds



Goats will weigh first, followed by sheep.

If you plan to show and sell a market lamb and/or goat at the Monroe County Fair, your lamb/goat **MUST** participate in the weigh-in.

***NEW FOR GOATS!** A recommendation of a .20 daily rate of gain with an ideal weight at the second weigh-in of 75 lbs has been implemented for market goats. This is only a recommendation for this year; however, next year, a requirement will be put into place to sell at the Youth Livestock Auction.

In addition, starting this year, goats will switch to **selling by the pound instead of by the head.**

We hope that exhibitors can be present for the weigh-in; however, if you are unable to attend, make sure your lamb(s)/goat(s) are there to be weighed.



Youth Cooking School 2025

Youth will learn basic cooking skills, kitchen and food safety, nutrition tips and prepare tasty recipes guaranteed to impress the whole family!

DATES

LOCATIONS

SESSIONS

June 2-5	Hecker Community Center Hecker
June 9-12	Madison County Farm Bureau Edwardsville
June 23-26	Monroe County Annex Waterloo
July 7-10	St. Paul's Lutheran Church Columbia

Morning: 8:30-11:30 a.m.
 Afternoon: 12:30-3:30 p.m.



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MONROE CO. EXTENSION & 4-H EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2025

Applicants must be seniors in high school who have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1, 2024, 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, 2025

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>

GROWMARK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 11, 2025

The GROWMARK Foundation will provide a total of (55) \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing agriculture and business-related degrees or certificates at colleges, universities, and technical schools in the United States and Ontario, Canada.

At the time of their application, students must be:

High School Senior OR Continuing Student

Enrolled in a university, community college, or technical school for fall 2025 in the United States or Ontario, Canada

Pursuing an agriculture or business-related degree/certificate.

https://jobs.growmark.com/content/Scholarships/?locale=en_US





Dr. Susan K. Rick Scholarship

The Dr. Susan K. Rick Scholarship fund will annually award scholarships to female students who will graduate, or have graduated, from select high schools in Monroe or Randolph counties in Illinois and are pursuing a degree in an agricultural or conservation field.

Award amount: \$2,000 renewable

Deadline: 5/15/2025

Eligibility: To be eligible, the applicant must:

- Be a female who is a graduating high school senior at, or a recent graduate of, these



Illinois high schools: Columbia High School, Gibault Catholic High School, Red Bud High School, Valmeyer High School, and Waterloo High School.

- Plan to pursue an associate or bachelor's degree in an agricultural or conservation field.
- Plan to enroll as a full-time student at an accredited, nonprofit college or university in the United States.
- Demonstrate unmet financial need. In general, unmet financial need will be defined as the difference between the cost of attendance and the sum of the student's grant aid from other sources plus the Student Aid Index (as determined by the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Click here to apply or follow the QR code.

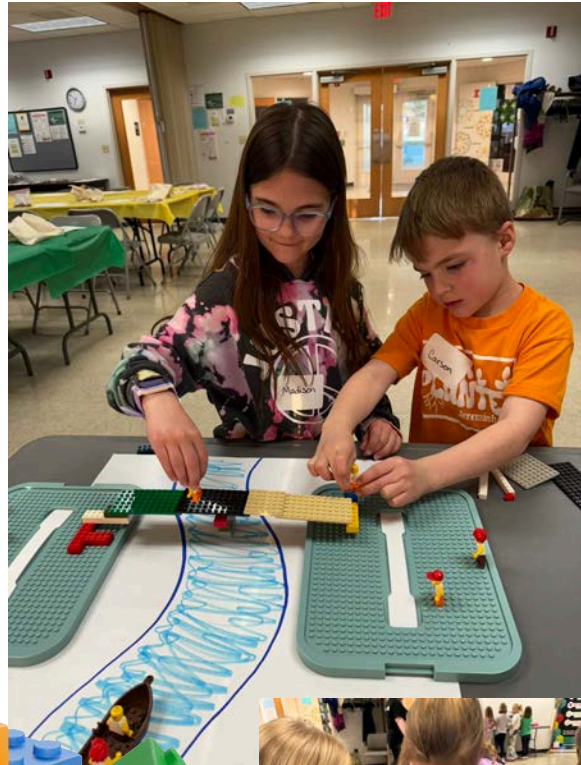
Questions? Contact Ellen Vietor, Scholarship Manager, at scholarships@stlgives.org.

How to Apply

- [Click here to apply](#).
- On the top right of the page, click "Sign In" if you already have a My Scholarship Central account, or "Sign Up" if you've never used the site.
- Enter your email and password. If you are a new user, you will receive a confirmation email and must click the link in the email to validate your account. Use an email address that you will have access to after you graduate from high school.
- Complete the General Application if you have not done so this year.
- After submitting the General Application, you will see a list of scholarships you may qualify for. Read the eligibility criteria and description to decide if you want to apply.
- Click the orange "Apply" button next to the opportunity name. After completing the application, click "Submit" at the bottom right of the page.
- Click My Applications in the left hand corner to see the status of your scholarship applications.

CLOVERBUDS

"Construction" was the theme of the March 4-H Cloverbud Meeting. Members made Lego bridges and cars, built spaghetti noodle & marshmallow towers, and designed imaginative creations with Brain Flake building sets!



CATTLEMAN'S

showdown



Top 5 Heifers
& Steers
Payout

Entry Details:

Early bird entry closes **April 18** at

\$40 per head. **Late** entry closes

April 24 at **5 pm**: \$50 per head.

Showmanship: \$5 **Entries found on**

Facebook Venmo: @Bradley-

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April 26th,
2025

Monroe County Fairgrounds

4177 IL – 156, Waterloo, IL 62298

Exhibitors must be under 22 years
of age as of January 1, 2025

Breed registration papers are
required

**See Facebook/cattlemansshowdown
for rules and more information**

Melinda Braun: 618.799.8341 | Karen Schwarze: 618.779.7729 | Mark Neary: 618.830.2991
Bradley Chandler – Treasurer | Email: cattlemansshowdown@gmail.com



READY, SET, GROW!

WITH

4-H GARDENBUDS



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 10, 9:00-11:30A.M.

JUNE 24, 9:00-11:30A.M.

JULY 15, 9:00-11:30A.M.

AUGUST 19, 6:00-7:30P.M.

SEPTEMBER 16, 6:00-7:30P.M.

OCTOBER 7, 6:00-7:30P.M.



Register: www.zsuite.org and choose "Gardenbuds" club.

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

*Fee payable by cash or check at first session.

*Limited to 15 participants

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NEW LIVESTOCK ELECTRONIC ID REQUIREMENT AT COUNTY FAIRS

What must have an EID tag?

- All beef cattle, dairy cattle, and swine exhibiting at a county or state fair must have an “840” EID tag. Cattle under the age of 6 months are exempt.
- Tags should be put into ears by owners with an EID button tagger. Taggers may be purchased from a farm supply dealer (i.e., Valley Vet, Nasco, Premier 1).
- As usual, all steers will be inserted with EID tags supplied by U of I Extension during the initial winter weigh-in this year.

Why must these animals have an EID tag?

- The purpose of the tag is to aid in animal disease traceability and reduce the impact of an animal disease outbreak.

Where can you get an EID tag?

- Tags should be inserted by the breeder from whom you purchase your animal. If a purchased animal is already identified with an 840 tag, it should not be double-tagged, nor should the current tag be removed/replaced. Use the tag that is already in place.
- You can request tags for free from the Illinois Department of Agriculture (limited supply).

Swine:

<https://agr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/agr/animals/animalhealth/documents/SWINE%20RFID%20840%20Tag%20Producer%20Order%20Form.pdf>

Cattle:

<https://agr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/agr/animals/animalhealth/documents/RFID%20840%20Tag%20Producer%20Order%20Form.pdf>

- You can purchase tags from a farm supply dealer (i.e., Valley Vet, Nasco, Premier 1)

*A Premise ID is needed to order an EID tag.

How do I obtain a Premise ID if I do not have one already?

- Complete a registration form:
<https://agr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/agr/animals/animalhealth/documents/fillable-premiseform-2019.pdf> and remit to the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.ilaged.org/connect/admin/attachments/IDOA_840%20Tag%20One%20Sheet_2025_8.5x11_7643.pdf

<https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/premises-registration.html>





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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LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

All members are highly encouraged to fill out a 4-H Record Book for livestock and/or horse projects that 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 and signed 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 it 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 to the Extension office by **September 15** for evaluation.



SOIL SCIENCE FUN!

Sixth graders from Mrs. Bicklein’s Science Club at the Waterloo Junior High and Ms. Weber’s science classes at Valmeyer School learned about soil with 4-H and Ag in the Classroom staff in March. Students made edible soil profiles, learned about soil composition, and took miniature “soil probes” from candy bars.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 5 Southern Regional Horse Bowl/Hippology Contest, SIUC
- April 8 Air Rifle Club begins, 6:00 p.m., Baebler Educational Farm
- April 11 Monroe Co. Cloverbud Graduation, Mo. Co. Annex
- April 12 Sheep Festival/Youth Sheep & Goat Judging Contest
- April 12 Mo Co Spring Showcase Sheep Show, Mo. Co. Fairgrounds
- April 14 Fishing & Wildlife Info Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Mo. Co. Annex
- April 20-26 National Volunteer Week
- April 24 4-H Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Monroe Co. Annex
- April 29 & 30 Monroe County 5th Grade Conservation Days
- May 3 Market Lamb & Goat Weigh-in, 8:00 a.m., Mo. Co. Fairgrounds
- May 10 4-H Horse Show, 9:00 a.m., Monroe County Fairgrounds
- May 24 4-H Day with the Cardinals, Busch Stadium, STL, MO
- June 2 Food Demonstration Show, Monroe County Annex
- June 10 Gardenbuds Club begins
- June 28 Show-A-Rama
- July 20-27 Monroe County Fair
- August 8 Monroe County Day @ IL State Fair, Springfield, IL

What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

Find out here:

<https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/44/1930155644.html>



- Illini Summer Academies
- Speaking for Illinois 4-H
- 4-H Camp
- State Poultry Judging
- Volunteer Training Opportunities
- and More!



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