



# 4-H FAMILY



# MONROE COUNTY

DECEMBER 2023-  
JANUARY 2024

# NEWS

## 4-H ENROLLMENT

If you have not enrolled in 4-H through ZSuite yet, you must do so by **JANUARY 1** to exhibit at any shows next summer.

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

Please follow the directions in this Step-By-Step Guide: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HHowToReEnroll> and/or, watch the Re-Enrollment Video Tutorial:

<https://go.illinois.edu/4HReEnroll>

All members and volunteers must re-enroll each 4-H year.

Be sure to check out all of the exciting project options before enrolling:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/project>



## 4-H PROJECT BOOKS

If you need Project Books, please put the names of the books (specifically the level!) in this form: [Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](#)

Project book options can be reviewed here: [Illinois Virtual Pop Up Shop – Shop 4-H](#)

For any projects that have books with levels, we recommend staying in a project level for 2-3 years before moving up to the next level.

Please contact your leader or Kelly Brandt, 4-H Program Coordinator, at [kbrandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kbrandt@illinois.edu) or 939-3434 with questions.

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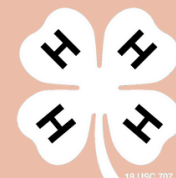
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# 4-H FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## DECEMBER 16

### 1 P.M.- 5 P.M.

PARENTS-DO YOU NEED SOME EXTRA TIME FOR CHRISTMAS PREPARATION?  
KIDS AGES 5-12 ARE INVITED TO A FUN FILLED DAY OF CRAFTS AND GAMES AT THE MONROE COUNTY ANNEX.  
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE MONROE COUNTY TEEN FEDERATION!

RSVP ONLINE BY DECEMBER 5:  
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4-HFORTHEHOLIDAYS](https://go.illinois.edu/4-hfortheholidays)

SPACE IS LIMITED!  
SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED.

DONATIONS SUGGESTED @\$20 PER CHILD

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## ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

The 4-H Achievement Program occurred on Sunday, November 5, at the Monroe County Annex.

Participants were recognized for successes from 2022-2023, including member years, club officers, state event participants, livestock record book and award application completion, I Dare You Award recipients, leader years of service, and more.



The National I Dare You Leadership Award, a recognition of personal achievement, balanced living, and service to others, was awarded to **Kaitlyn Ruwald (Backyard Bandits)**, **Bridgette Yearian (Maeystown Clovers)** and **Janella Neary (Clover friends)**. Each is also an active Monroe County 4-H Federation and Teen Teachers member.



Award applicants were recognized for achieving the highest score in the four dimensions of the applications:

Top Participation: **Blaklee Schwarze**

Top Community Service:

**Lydia Shevlin & Leah Shevlin**

Top Leadership: **Lane Shevlin**

Top Project Learning: **Gracie Stechmesser**



**Well**  
**DONE**

Lucky 4-H Club, led by Debbie Eckart and Randy Gummersheimer was awarded the Friend of Baebler Educational Farm Award.

## ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM



### TOP SECRETARY AWARD

**Lydia Henerfauth, Maeystown Clovers**

### TOP TREASURER AWARD

**Kaleigh Halleran, Backyard Bandits**

### TOP AWARD APPLICATIONS

**Animal Science 8-10: Blaklee Schwarze**  
**Animal Science 11-14: Gracie Stechmesser**  
**Animal Science 15-19: Lydia Lutman**  
**Creative Arts 8-10: Chelsey McDermott**  
**Creative Arts 11-14: Jessica Branson**  
**Creative Arts 15-19: Sean Miller**  
**Environmental Sciences 8-10: Braydon Eckart**  
**Environmental Sciences 8-10: Kaleigh Halleran**  
**Environmental Sciences 15-19: Sean Miller**  
**Food Systems 8-10: Braydon Eckart**  
**Food Systems 15-19: Riley McDermott**  
**Healthy Living 8-10: Tessa Kolweier**  
**STEM 8-10: William Albers**

### Club Leader Year Recognition

**Tricia Matzenbacher: Clover Friends 1**  
**Lauren Morgan: Federation & Moonlight Boys & Girls 1**  
**Wyatt Drewes: Federation 1**  
**Ashley Schneider: Federation 1**  
**Nicole Koch: Maeystown Clovers Cloverbuds 1**  
**Sarah Landeck: Monroe Co. Hoofbeats 1**  
**Jessica Unger: Monroe Co. Hoofbeats 1**  
**Erin Huebner: Monroe Co. Hoofbeats 1**  
**Andrew Schaefer: Crusading Eagles 5**  
**Melody Williams: Robotics 5**  
**Scott Williams: Robotics 5**  
**Tina Woodcock: Bushy Prairie 20**  
**Randy Gummersheimer: Lucky 4-H 25**  
**Heidi Ruwald: Backyard Bandits 25**

### TOP LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS

**Beef 8-10: Blaklee Schwarze**  
**Beef 11-14: Jackson Klinkhardt\***  
**Beef 15-19: Kaitlyn Ruwald**  
**Dairy 8-10: Chelsea Salger\***  
**Dairy 11-14: Cody Schmitz**  
**Goat 8-10: Kinley Kurth**  
**Goat 11-14: Avery Cope**  
**Goat 15-19: Harlie Braun\***  
**Horse 8-10: Lily Luther**  
**Horse 11-14: Madeline Luther**  
**Horse 11-14: Jada Casto\***  
**Poultry 8-10: Elliot Koch**  
**Poultry 11-14: Elizabeth Koch\***  
**Poultry 15-19: Oliver Valerius**  
**Sheep 8-10: Leigha Henerfauth**  
**Sheep 11-14: Luke Lutman\***  
**Sheep 15-19: Erin Halleran**  
**Rabbit 8-10: Theodore Klinkhardt**  
**Rabbit 11-14: Luke Kolweier**  
**Rabbit 15-19: Lydia Henerfauth**  
**(Lillian Kolweier\*-top overall)**  
**Swine 8-10: Ty Johanning**  
**Swine 11-14: Gracie Stechmesser\***  
**Swine 15-19: Bridgette Yearian**

\*Indicates top overall

*Congratulations!*



# HARVEST NIGHT



Dear 4-H members, Federation, and families,  
 Heartful thankfulness for your support to make Harvest Night a success!! Your auction items, cakes, and/or attendance donations were greatly appreciated! The night of fellowship, delicious food, and fun helps support staff to continue conducting great Monroe County Extension programs: nutrition, agriculture, horticulture, 4-H, Baebler Education Farm, and youth education scholarships.

The Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation's purpose is to keep Monroe County Extension and 4-H programming and involvement strong and active! Your contribution at Harvest Night and throughout the year is important and recognized! Financial gifts in memory of or recognition of family and friends are a great way to contribute.

Thank you!!

*Harvest Night Committee*



**Thank  
 YOU!**





**JAN. 23, 6:30P.M.**  
**MONROE COUNTY ANNEX**  
**901 ILLINOIS AVE., WATERLOO**



## WELCOME TO 4-H WORKSHOP

\*Register at: [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org)  
 Log in to your account and click on: Events

Open to 4-H members and  
 parents who want to know  
 more about...

- Enrollment and Program Fees
- Projects and Shows
- Where to find things on the Extension website
- Who to ask for help

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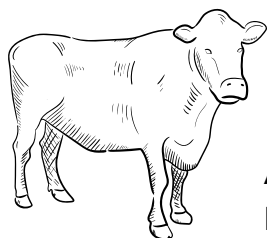
## 4-H FAMILY HANDBOOK

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>



## STEER WEIGH-IN

**SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 8:00 A.M.**

Monroe County Fairgrounds Cattle Arena

All 4-H & FFA steers participating in the Beef Premiere Program must weigh-in, in the winter and at the Fair.



## 4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

As we begin the new 4-H year, please remember that to show 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.
- Give a talk or demonstration at a 4-H club meeting.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2024.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June, or July Club meeting prior to the county fair AND complete their book by September 15.

## RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2024 Award Applications will be provided to members in January. In the meantime, please keep track of your 4-H activities with the 4-H Experience log:

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

## LIVESTOCK AUCTION

To participate in the youth livestock auction, sponsored by the Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation, youth must meet the following requirements:

- Be a 4-H or FFA member age 8-19 on or before September 1 of the previous year.
- Be a Monroe County resident and/or reside within the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, or Red Bud school districts.
- Be a Monroe County 4-H club and/or FFA Chapter member in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, or Red Bud school districts.
- Attend at least four meetings during the 4-H year.
- Give a talk or demonstration.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2024.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June, or July Club meeting prior to the county fair.
- Members must complete a livestock record book for the previous year, with the exception of new members.
- Exhibitors may sell TWO of any species, beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, poultry, or dairy basket.
- Dairy cattle and dairy goat exhibitors showing two or more dairy animals are eligible to auction a dairy basket of products or certificates with a minimum value of \$50.
- If a 4-H or FFA member receives Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion in any specie area, they will have the opportunity to sell the Grand or Reserve Champion regardless of the number of other species they plan to sell, as long as all of the additional sale requirements are met.



# NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPO

Three 4-H members recently competed in horse competitions at the North American International Livestock Expo (NAILE) in Louisville, KY.

**Maya Woodard** and **Sydney Woodard** competed on the Illinois 4-H Horse Bowl team and took 4th place out of 15 teams. **Madelyn Mohr** competed on the Illinois 4-H Horse Judging Team and placed 5th overall. All are members of the Hoofbeats Competition Team.



4-H members Erin & Kaleigh Halleran and Lydia & Luke Lutman also participated at NAILE this year, exhibiting their sheep and gaining more experience at a national competitive level.





# THANK YOU FOR GIVING!


Thank you to all 4-H families who donated cereal, fruit cups, peanut butter, jelly, and more to the House of Neighborly Services in honor of 4-H during the month of October! *Together, we collected nearly 200 items!*



4-H is helping to collect bottle caps for Waterloo Citizens for a Pool to make benches for the new Splash Pad. Please drop off your collection at the Monroe County Extension Office.

## Acceptable Caps, Lids, & Bottles:

Any Plastic Cap/Lid with a Recycle Number


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**CAPS must be CLEAN and DRY**

<p>Any Drink Bottle Caps</p> <p>Baby Food Caps</p> <p>Deodorant Caps</p> <p>Detergent Caps</p> <p>Flip-Top Caps</p> <p>Hair Spray Caps</p> <p>Marker/Sharpie Caps</p> <p>Juice/Tea/Milk Jug Caps</p> <p>Ointment Tube Caps</p> <p>Spray Paint Caps</p> <p>Shampoo/Conditioner Caps</p> <p>Medicine Bottle Caps</p> <p>Spout Caps</p> <p>Coffee Creamer Caps</p> <p>Spice &amp; Condiment Caps</p>	<p><u>Lids must be 8" or smaller</u></p> <p>Sour Cream Lids</p> <p>Butter/Margarine Lids</p> <p>Parmesan/Feta Lids</p> <p>Peanut Butter Jar Lids</p> <p>Cottage/Cream Cheese Lids</p> <p>Icing/Yogurt Lids</p> <p>Coffee Can Lids</p> <p>Mayonnaise Jar Lids</p> <p>Whipped Topping Lids</p> <p>Drink Mix Container Lid</p> <p>Food Take Out Lids</p> <p>Fast Food Drink Lids</p> <p>Solid 6 Pack Can Holders</p> <p>Pill Bottles (Label Removed)</p>
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 16 1:00-5:00p.m., 4-H for the Holidays, Monroe County Annex
- December 22-Jan. 1 OFFICE CLOSED for the Holiday Season
- January 15 OFFICE CLOSED for Martin Luther King Holiday
- January 23 Welcome to 4-H Workshop, 6:30p.m., Monroe Co. Annex
- February 17 Steer Weigh-in, 8:00a.m., Monroe County Fairgrounds
- March 16 4-H Leader Training



## 4-H PROGRAM WEATHER POLICY:

When Monroe County schools are closed due to inclement weather, county 4-H activities will be closed as well unless otherwise notified. If the weather gets bad in the evening before the event, please watch your email and Facebook for cancellations.



ENJOY A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO 4-H DURING 2023!

WE WISH YOUR FAMILY HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN 2024!

*Monroe County Extension Staff*

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