



4-H FAMILY MONROE COUNTY

DECEMBER '24-JANUARY '25

NEWS



4-H ENROLLMENT DUE!

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>

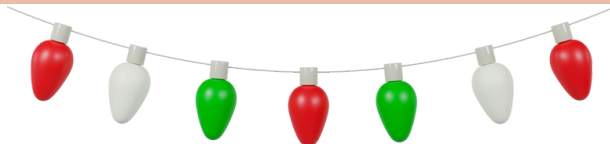
and/or watch the re-enrollment video tutorial:

<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/projects>



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 kmbrandt@illinois.edu or 939-3434 with questions.

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MONROE COUNTY 4-H SHIRTS FOR SALE!



The Monroe County 4-H Federation is selling 4-H attire as a fundraiser in partnership with the Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation.

Sizes available include:

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.

GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR

4-H MEMBERS!

4-H PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS!

4-H ALUM!

4-H SUPPORTERS!



Shirts are available at the Extension office M-F, 8-4:30 p.m. (closed 12-1) or on certain evenings (call Kelly at 618-939-3434) for details.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Thank you to all 4-H families who donated food and paper products to the Jefferson Barracks VA in honor of 4-H during the month of October!



ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

The 4-H Achievement Program was held on Sunday, November 3, at the Monroe County Annex, hosted by the 4-H Federation.

Participants were recognized for successes from 2023-2024, 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

Erin Halleran (Backyard Bandits) & Valerie Branson (Golden Eagles).



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

Top Community Service: Lane Shevlin

Top Participation: Elizabeth Koch

Top Leadership: Ellie Landeck

Top Project Learning: Kaleigh Halleran

The **Woodcock Family** was recognized with a “**4-H Family**” award for their combined dedication of time and resources to the Monroe County 4-H program over many years through 4-H club leadership, the Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation, Extension’s Harvest Night committee, Monroe County Fair Association, Monroe County Sheep Producers and more.



Front Row, L-R: Tina Woodcock, Carol Woodcock, Richard Woodcock & Jean Woodcock.

Back Row, L-R: Eli Johannning, Evan Johannning, Luke Lutman, Chris Lutman & Lydia Lutman. Missing: Tricia Lutman.



ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM



TOP AWARD APPLICATIONS

Animal Science 8-10: Blaklee Schwarze
Animal Science 11-14: Elizabeth Koch
Animal Science 15-19: Brooke Mueller
Career & Leadership 11-14: Lane Shevlin
Career & Leadership 15-19: Ellie Landeck
Civic Engagement 8-10: Amelia Deptula
Creative Arts 8-10: Leah Shevlin
Creative Arts 11-14: Elizabeth Koch
Environmental Sciences 11-14: Kaleigh Halleran
Food Systems 11-14: Braydon Eckart
Healthy Living 8-10: Lydia Shevlin
Healthy Living 11-14: Juliana Mayer
STEM 11-14: William Albers



Congrats to **Lisa Schwarze**
 for serving the Maeystown
 Clovers Club as a leader for
35 years!

TOP SECRETARY AWARD

Bridgette Yearian, Federation

TOP TREASURER AWARD

Amelia Guebert, Clover Friends

TOP LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS

Beef 8-10: Blaklee Schwarze
Beef 11-14: Emma Schultheis
Beef 15-19: Kaitlyn Ruwald*
Dairy 8-10: Chelsea Salger*
Dairy 11-14: Cody Schmitz, Kelsey Schmitz
Goat 8-10: Brady Cope
Goat 11-14: Avery Cope
Goat 15-19: Harlie Braun*
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: Cloe Simpson
Sheep 11-14: Kaleigh Halleran, Emily Vogt
Sheep 15-19: Cohen Brandt*
Rabbit 8-10: Anthony Shelton
Rabbit 11-14: Lillian Kolweier
Rabbit 15-19: Hailey Francis*
Swine 8-10: Ty Johanning
Swine 11-14: Henry Gregson
Swine 15-19: Holly Gregson*

Club Leader Year Recognition

Amy Halleran, Backyard Bandits - 5
Jamie Lester, Mo. Co. Hoofbeats - 5
Staci Casto, Mo. Co. Hoofbeats - 5
Lyle Cope, Air Rifle - 10
Mike Gross, Fishing/Wildlife - 10
Lisa Schwarze, Maeystown Clovers - 35



HARVEST NIGHT



Dear 4-H families,

I am heartfully thankful for your support in making Harvest Night a success! Your donation of auction items, cakes, and/or attendance was 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 essential and recognized! Thank you! Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Harvest Night Committee





**JAN. 23, 2025
6:30P.M.
MONROE COUNTY ANNEX
901 ILLINOIS AVE., WATERLOO**

**WELCOME TO
4-H
WORKSHOP**

**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

***Register:**
<https://go.illinois.edu/Welcometo4-HWorkshop>

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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>



JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Monroe County 4-H members Caroline Cox (Hoofbeats Competition Team), Kaleigh Halleran (Backyard Bandits), and Luke Lutman (Bushy Prairie) attended the 4-H Junior Leadership Conference with over 100 seventh and eighth-grade youth from across the state on Nov. 2-3 in Springfield.

Members participated in workshops to learn ways to improve their leadership skills, communication, networking, and teamwork. The conference was hosted by Illinois Youth Leadership Team members, of which our 4-H college member, Janella Neary, is a part.



RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2024-2025 Award Applications are available on our website:

https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp

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

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

MONROE CO. FAIR ANNUAL MEETING

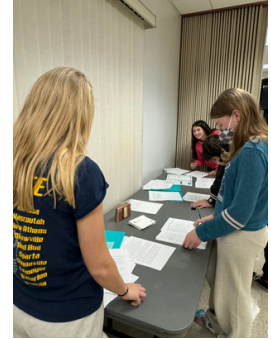
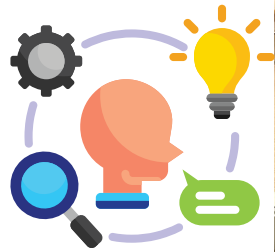


Thank you to Cohen Brandt for speaking at the Monroe County Fair Association Annual Meeting on November 26. Cohen shared his positive experiences showing livestock at the fair as a 4-H member and thanked the board and superintendents for their support in making the fair a quality experience for youth.





4-H OFFICER TRAINING



4-H Club Officers were invited to an Officer Training on November 25. Participants learned about leadership skills, parliamentary procedures, and more to help them become successful officers in their clubs. The training was led by 4-H Youth Development Educator Emily Reece.



What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

Find out here:

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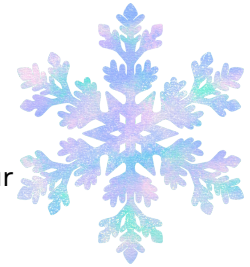


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 9 4-H Leader ZSuite Virtual Training (register through ZSuite)
- December 24-January 1 OFFICE CLOSED for the Holiday Season
- January 23 Welcome to 4-H Workshop, 6:30 pm, Monroe Co. Annex
- February 15 Steer Weigh-in, 8:00 am, Monroe Co. Fairgrounds

4-H PROGRAM WEATHER POLICY:

When Monroe County schools are closed due to inclement weather, county 4-H activities will also be closed 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 2024!**

We wish your family health and happiness in 2025!



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