



4-H FAMILY

MONROE COUNTY

JULY-AUGUST 2025

NEWS



MONROE COUNTY FAIR: JULY 20-27

4-H Horticulture & Crops Judging:
Sunday, July 20, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Commercial Building

4-H Livestock Shows:
Monday, July 21 – Thursday, July 24
Livestock Barns

Youth Livestock Auction:
Thursday, July 24, 6:00 p.m.
Cattle Arena

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ILLINOIS STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

The Illinois State Fair Livestock Premium Book and Entry Forms are available online:
<https://statefair.illinois.gov/competitions/competitive-events/livestock-events.html>

This website will provide you with all the information you need, including health requirements, passes, etc.

Although State Fair shows are Junior and Open shows (not 4-H), they still require verification from Extension staff that you are an active 4-H member. After entries are made, 4-H staff will verify your participation in 4-H for entry approval.

Office Hours:

Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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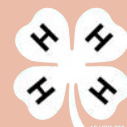
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4-H SHOW-A-RAMA

The Monroe County 4-H Show-A-Rama was held on Saturday, June 28, at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, with over 100 projects exhibited by 4-H members.

Thirty-five of those projects were selected as Representatives to advance to the Illinois State Fair on August 8, with eight selected as Alternates.

Representatives

Valerie Branson (Theater Arts, Visual Arts-Quilting), Grace Koester (Visual Arts-Glass), Brayden Koester (Welding), Tessa Ervin (Interior Design, Food Preservation), Avery Ervin (Interior Design), Stanley Hoerr (Wildlife), Cohen Brandt (Woodworking), Hayden Finke (Visual Arts-Metal), Lane Shevlin (Cooking), Gwen Wiegand (Forestry), Natalie Finke (Food Preservation, Cake Decorating), Leah Shevlin (Sewing), Lydia Shevlin (Sewing), Kassandra Schilling (Cooking), Albert Hoerr (Visual Arts-Plastic), Elizabeth Koch (Creative Writing, Visual Arts-Fiber), Kaleigh Halleran (Entomology), Madeline Luther (Cake Decorating, Animal Science), Lily Luther (Photography), Josie Matzenbacher (Sewing), Amelia Deptula (Family Heritage), Evelyn Brafford (Visual Arts-Leather), Elizabeth Murphy (Visual Arts-Fiber), Blaklee Schwarze (Visual Arts-3D Design), Henry Albers (Animal Science), Duke Chandler (Woodworking), Tessa Kolweier (Cooking), Avery Cope (Cooking), Sylvia Polacek (Visual Arts-Heritage Arts).

Alternates

Lily Luther (Animal Science), Andrew Candler (Woodworking), Grace Koester (Visual Arts-Fiber), Kassandra Schilling (Sewing), Ryley Stein (Sewing), Isabell Shelton (Sewing), Avery Ervin (Food Preservation), Brayden Koester (Woodworking)

The Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District selected the top three Natural Resources projects for awards sponsored by their organization.

Winners included:

1st Place: Stanley Hoerr (Wildlife)

2nd: Gwen Wiegand (Forestry)

3rd: Luke Lutman (Beekeeping)



4-H SHOW-A-RAMA



For more show photos, visit our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/monroe.il.4H>



FAIR 4-H CONCESSION STAND

- 4-H members are responsible for working at least 2 hours.
- Club leaders will schedule you individually within your club's timeframe.
- Working helps cover your \$20 4-H programming fee, project books, insurance, etc., for the 2024-2025 4-H year.
- After working in the stand, members will receive a \$3.00 coupon towards their favorite treat.

Please contact Kelly at the Extension office at kbrandt@illinois.edu or 618-939-3434 if:

- You cannot work within your club's allotted timeframe, so we can schedule you with another group.
- You will be out of town during the entire week...We will work with you to help with an alternative activity to fulfill your responsibilities.
- You do not have a pass or cannot pay the gate fee to enter the fairgrounds during your scheduled work time...there will be a limited number of passes to borrow from the Extension office.

(*Please call to confirm a pass at least two days in advance from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 618-939-3434.)

2025 4-H Concession Stand Schedule

Date	Club	Shift
Sunday, July 20	Backyard Bandits	11:00am-1:00pm (small crew for shows) 12:00-2:00pm
	Clover Friends	2:00-6:00pm
	Golden Eagles	6:00-10:00pm
Monday, July 21	Bushy Prairie	9:00-11:00am (small crew for shows) 11:00am-3:00pm
	Mo. Co. Hoofbeats	3:00-10:00pm
Tuesday, July 22	Backyard Bandits	9:00-11:00am (small crew for shows) 11:00am-1:00pm
	Clover Friends	1:00-6:00pm
	Maeystown Clovers	6:00-10:00pm
Wednesday, July 23	Lucky	9:00-11:00am (small crew for shows) 11:00am-4:00pm
	Golden Eagles	4:00-10:00pm
Thursday, July 24	Maeystown Clovers	9:00-11:00am (small crew for shows) 11:00am-6:00pm
	Teen Teachers/Federation/ Extension Staff/Fill-ins	6:00-11:00pm
Friday, July 25	Clover Friends	11:00am-1:00pm
	Moonlight Boys and Girls	1:00-5:00pm
	Teen Teachers/Federation/ Extension Staff/Fill-ins	5:00-11:00pm
Saturday, July 26	Maeystown Clovers	11:00am-11:00pm
Sunday, July 27	Air Rifle/Fishing	11:00am-1:00pm
	Shotgun	1:00-5:00pm
	Golden Eagles	5:00-7:00pm
	Extension Staff	7:00-10:00pm



YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION

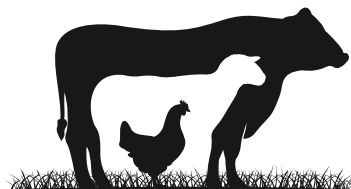
The 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Auction is Thursday, July 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cattle Barn at the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

Sale Order: Goats (Dairy, Meat), Lambs, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits, Beef, Dairy

***Please remember to write letters to or make personal contacts with potential buyers to ensure bidders attend the 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 of their primary 4-H club or FFA chapter.
- Give a talk or demonstration at a 4-H meeting.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2025.
- 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 species 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.



FOOD DEMO SHOW



Six youth participated in the 4-H Food Demonstration Show, held during the Monroe County Farm Bureau Women's Committee meeting on June 2.

The Committee annually sponsors awards for youth who participate in the show and utilize a specified ingredient in their food demonstration.

This year, the ingredient was dairy.

Participants included (1st photo L-R): Raegan Eckart (butter), Amelia Guebert & Natalie Finke (queso dip), Arabella & Juliana Mayer (mini turtle cheesecakes), Blaklee Schwarze (dirt cake).



PORTA WESTFALICA PARADE!



Thank you to everyone who walked in the Porta Westfalica Parade in Waterloo on June 17 to help promote 4-H in Monroe County!



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 Showooks.

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 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 them 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 at the Extension office by **September 15** for evaluation.

RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2025 Award Applications are posted on our website:

https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp

You can also log your 4-H activities with the 4-H Experience log to help prepare for filling out the Award Application:

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

***Due September 15**



GARDENBUDS!

The 4-H Gardenbuds recently met and learned about the importance of pollination. They also picked herbs out of their garden and made their herb

butter!



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 the 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>



4-H HALL OF FAME: RAELEEN NEARY



Raeleen Neary is the 2025 Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame representative for Monroe County.

Raeleen has been a leader of the Clover Friends 4-H Club for 15 years, a goat superintendent for 5 years, helps with the Monroe County Youth Livestock Auction Committee, has served on the Unit 22 Extension Council, provides countless hours and energy to the Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation's annual Harvest Night Dinner Auction, is a new member of the Foundation, and even volunteers her time as a judge at the State Fair.

Raeleen's devotion to 4-H also expands outside of her volunteer realm, raising her three children with strong 4-H values, leading as an example to them to contribute to the program like she has.

Raeleen's strong and continuous commitment to 4-H is a valuable asset that benefits so many that she comes in contact with. She is always happy to give her talents and time, and is a pleasure to have as a volunteer and friend to all.

Raeleen will be recognized at the Illinois State Fair on Friday, August 8, at noon in the Orr Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.



What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

Find out here:

<https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/98/1604914398.html>

- State Fair updates
- Shooting Sports Certifications
- State Fishing Tournament
- Leadership Survey
- And More!



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Southern Region 4-H Showcase at DuQuoin State Fair

General Projects Show
Saturday, Aug 16
(Maximum of 3 entries per participant)

Livestock Shows
(Maximum of 1 livestock animal per class.)

Friday, Aug 22

Goat and Sheep Shows,
Swine Weigh-in

Saturday, Aug 23
Beef, Dairy, and Swine Shows

Participants must be 4-H members.

For more information or to register go to
go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowcase
or scan the QR code.

Registration deadline is July 25.



Check out the Showbook at
go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowbook



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 20
 - 1:30-3:00 pm, 4-H Vegetable Gardening and Crops Judging
 - 5:00 pm, 4-H Market Lamb & Goat Weigh-In
- July 21
 - 8:00 am, 4-H Poultry Weigh-in
 - 8:30 am, 4-H Poultry Judging
 - 9:00 am, Steers must be in designated stalls
 - 10:00 am, 4-H Steer Weigh-In
 - 10:30 am, 4-H Rabbit Weigh-In
 - 12:30 pm, 4-H Rabbit Judging
 - 5:00 pm, 4-H Sheep Judging
 - 6:00 pm, Livestock health papers must be provided to superintendents
- July 22
 - 7:00 am, 4-H Market Swine Weigh-In
 - 7:30 am, Superior Young Producer Contest (rabbit)
 - 10:30 am, 4-H Master Showmanship Contest
 - 11:00 am, Livestock health papers available for inspection
 - 1:00 pm, Superior Young Producer Contest (cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry)
- July 23
 - 8:00 am, 4-H Swine Judging
 - 12:00 pm, 4-H Dairy Judging
 - 3:00 pm, 4-H Steer Judging
 - 6:30 pm, 4-H Goat Judging
- July 24
 - 8:30 am, 4-H Beef Breeding Stock Judging
 - 6:00 pm, Youth Market Animal Auction
 - 9:30 pm, Livestock may leave grounds
- July 31
 - 9:00 am, Carcass Judging
- August 8
 - Monroe County Day at State Fair, Springfield
- October 5
 - SAVE THE DATE! County 4-H Bowling, West Park Bowl



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