

# 4-H FAMILY



# MONROE COUNTY

JUNE 2024

# NEWS



## 4-H SHOW-A-RAMA: JUNE 29

*Have you registered to exhibit at the 4-H Show-a-Rama yet?*

*If you are enrolled in any general projects, you will need to register to exhibit by*

***June 15.***

### How do you do this?

1. Review the 4-H Showbook for class guidelines:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeShowbook-General>

2. Follow 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, or you can reset your password)

3. Register here:  
<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19737>

**\*Do not "submit" until all members in your household are registered. If you do, you will have to wait for staff approval before the system will allow you to enter additional members.**

**\*\* See next page for Show day instructions.**

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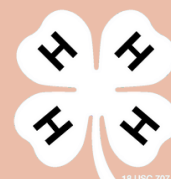
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## What do you do on the day of Show-A-Rama?

1. Arrive at Immanuel Lutheran Church Hall (522 S. Church St., Waterloo) between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.
2. Sign in with 4-H staff in your appropriate project categories and attach your show tag to your project. (You may then have to wait until your judge is available.)
3. A 4-H staff member will tell you when it is your turn; then, you will talk to a judge about what you learned about your project.
4. The judge will award a Blue, Red, or White ribbon after the judging is completed. They will also make selections for State Fair Representative or alternate after all judging is complete.
5. Public viewing of projects will be open at 12:30 p.m., with a short Project Recognition at 12:45 p.m., where winners will be announced, and photos will be taken.
6. Projects may be taken home at 1:00 p.m.

*Questions? Contact Kelly Brandt, 4-H Program Coordinator, at [kmbrandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kmbrandt@illinois.edu) or 618-939-3434.*



## 4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

Remember that to show projects at the County and State levels, 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.

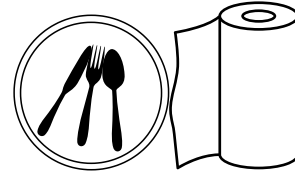
*\*Some SPIN Clubs will have different requirements.*



## YOUTH COOKING SCHOOL DONATIONS NEEDED!

The following disposable items are needed for the upcoming Youth Cooking School:

- Paper towels
- Paper plates & bowls
- Plastic forks & spoons



Donations can be dropped off at the Extension office M-4, 8 am-4:30 pm.

## MONROE COUNTY FAIR 4-H SHOWS: JULY 21-28

HOW TO REGISTER TO EXHIBIT LIVESTOCK, CROPS, & HORTICULTURE PROJECTS FOR THE FAIR:

**DEADLINE - JUNE 28**

1. Review the 4-H Fair Showbook for class guidelines for Livestock, Horticulture & Crops:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/FairShowbook>

2. Follow these instructions:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/FairEntryDirections>

3. Register here:  
<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19737>

**BY JUNE 19.**

**\*Do not "submit" until all members in your household are registered. If you do, you will have to wait for staff approval before the system will allow you to enter additional members.**

**OR** you can fill out a 4-H Livestock Entry form  
(<https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockEntryForm>)

and bring to Livestock Entry Night at the Fairgrounds on June 19, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

## ILLINOIS STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

The Illinois State Fair Livestock Premium Book is 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.

Entries can now be done online: <https://statefair.illinois.gov/competitions/competitive-events.html>

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.

NEW this year! All **beef** and **swine** exhibitors at the State Fair will be required to have an **Electronic ID**. These can currently be obtained from your Veterinarian. Please be sure to allow ample time to get these before the state shows. (Note: this may be required at the county level next year).



# 4-H MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

MONROE COUNTY



*MASTER Showmanship*

TUESDAY, JULY 23RD AT 10:30AM  
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS




PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 14-18 BY SEPT. 1ST AND WILL SHOW SWINE, SHEEP, AND BEEF CATTLE DURING THE CONTEST.

SIGN UP AT THE FAIR ENTRY NIGHT ON JUNE 19TH.

 618-939-3434

 [kbrandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kbrandt@illinois.edu)





# SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST

MONROE COUNTY FAIR

## SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST

SKILLATHON ● SPECIES KNOWLEDGE ● MONEY PRIZES

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PREMIUM NUMBERS

- 51327 JUNIOR CATTLE
- 51328 SENIOR CATTLE
- 51329 JUNIOR SWINE
- 51330 SENIOR SWINE

- 51331 JUNIOR SHEEP/GOATS
- 51332 SENIOR SHEEP/GOATS
- 51333 JUNIOR POULTRY
- 51334 SENIOR POULTRY

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TUESDAY, JULY 23RD AT 1:00PM

TO SIGN UP, WRITE THE RESPECTIVE PREMIUM NUMBER IN YOUR FAIR ENTRY FORMS AND BRING TO THE FAIR ENTRY NIGHT ON JUNE 19TH.

 [MUELLER.LEXI.36@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MUELLER.LEXI.36@GMAIL.COM)

 618-340-8964



# AG TECH SCIENCE CAMP

**Ag Tech  
SCIENCE  
CAMP**

**JUNE 17, 18, 20**

**JULY 15-18**

**JULY 22-25**

**9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.**



Camp sessions will alternate between:  
Baebler Educational Farm, 4022 JJ Rd., Waterloo  
and the Jackie Joyner-Kersey (JJK) Food, Agriculture, Nutrition Innovation Center,  
plus field trips!

\*Transportation is provided to JJK Center & field trips from Waterloo.

Participants will learn about the role science & technology plays in agriculture through hands-on field activities including planting/observing different types of corn, using drones, collecting data, learning from scientists and more!

**FREE TO YOUTH AGES 12-15**

**LUNCH, SNACKS, DRINKS AND TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED**

**REGISTER: [HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/2024AGTECHSCIENCECAMP](https://go.illinois.edu/2024agtechsciencecamp)**

**BY MAY 31**

**LIMITED TO 15 YOUTH**



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LOCAL EXTENSION COUNCILS COOPERATING.  
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OPPORTUNITIES IN PROGRAMS AND EMPLOYMENT.  
IF YOU NEED A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO  
PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT 618-939-3434.



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**DONALD DANFORTH  
PLANT SCIENCE CENTER**

## KORSMEYER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Janella Neary, recipient of the 2024 Korsmeyer 4-H Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a 4-H member from Madison, St. Clair, or Monroe County in memory of Lucille & Lester Korsmeyer.

Janella plans to attend University of Illinois for a degree in Agriculture Communications with a minor in Animal Science.



# 4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS



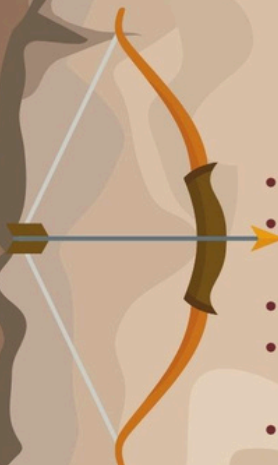
**2,367** 4-H youth, families, and volunteers from **9 different states** enjoyed 4-H Day with the Cardinals, including members from Monroe County!



# SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



## Monroe County 4-H Shooting Sports **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**



- 21 years of age or older.
- Willing to complete a one-day training and receive background screening.
- Knowledgeable and interested in outdoor recreation.
- Eager to instill positive youth development while teaching shooting skills and safety.
- Able to work with local youth a minimum of 6 times per year.

### 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FIELD DAY TRAINING:

➔ July 27, Franklin Co. (southern IL) \*Rend Lake



**\*Monroe County has a specific need of  
Archery and/or Pistol Instructors right now.**

Please contact Kelly Brandt, Monroe County 4-H Program Coordinator  
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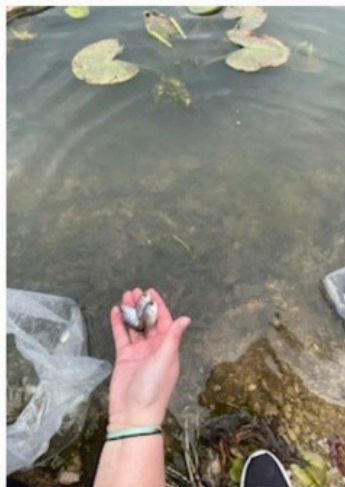


**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING**  
*the Monroe County*  
**4-H Shooting Sports**  
**Program**



*Maeystown Sportsman's Club*  
*Hecker Sportsman's Club*

*Your donations will help fund targets, ammo, re-stocking the fishing ponds, certification of new instructors and more to support our members in 2024.*



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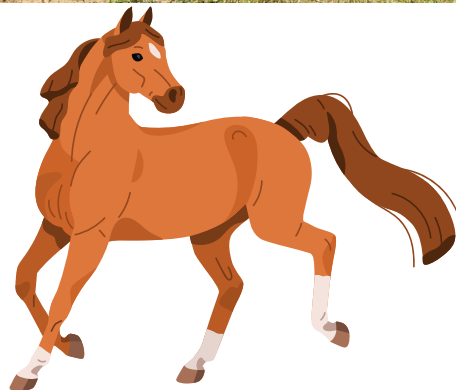
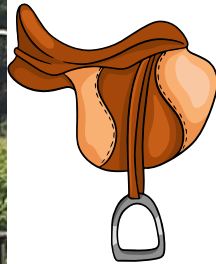


# HORSE SHOW

Seven 4-H members participated in the 4-H Horse Show on Saturday, May 11, at the Monroe County Fairgrounds: **Claire Simpson, Gwyneth Kempfer, Kindal Hofmeister, Braelynn Hofmeister, Madeline Luther, Julia Muertz, and Jada Casto.**

Youth participated in Showmanship, Pleasure, Trail, Poles, and Barrels classes.

Thank you **to all the parents** who volunteered that day, and special thanks to **Melisa Williams** and **Stephanie Mohr!**



## HOOFBEATS COMPETITION TEAM YEAR IN REVIEW

The Monroe County Hoofbeats Competition Team has had another successful year of equine-related competitions, starting in November with the Eastern National 4-H Roundup held at the North American International Livestock Expo in Louisville, KY. The competition team had three senior members who qualified for the National contest. Maya and Sydney Woodard represented Illinois in the Horse Bowl Competition. Madelynn Mohr represented Illinois in the Horse Judging Contest. The Illinois Horse Bowl Team placed 4th in the nation. The Horse Judging Team placed in the top 5 of each of their respective categories, earning 5th place overall. Maya, Sydney, and Madey enjoyed their time and experience at this national contest.

The competition season picked back up this Spring with the State Horse Judging Contest at Blackhawk East in Kewanee, IL. The Junior Team earned 4th place overall. Individual Junior Nora Moore placed 4th out of 50 junior competitors. The Senior Team members also did well, with Maya Woodard earning 1st place and Sydney earning 4th place overall in the Senior Division. The Woodards will be invited to try out for the National Team this summer.

April brought the Regional and State Horse Bowl and Hippology contests on back-to-back weekends. These contests evaluate general horse knowledge.

The Regional Contest was held in Carbondale. In Hippology, Mallory Paur earned 1st place, and Cece Cox earned 4th in the junior division; Intermediates Nora Moore and Julia Muertz earned 2nd and 11th. Seniors Sydney and Maya Woodard earned 1st and 4th. The junior horse bowl team went undefeated in their round-robin contest.

Wrapping up the season was the State Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Speech Contest located at the University of Illinois. In the speech contest, Nora Moore earned 1st in Extemporaneous and 4th in Prepared Speech. Junior members Mallory Paur and Cece Cox earned 2nd and 15th place in Hippology. In Intermediate Hippology, Nora Moore and Julia Muertz earned 6th and 25th place, and in Senior Hippology, Sydney Woodard and Maya Woodard earned 5th and 9th. The Junior Horse Bowl Team finished 4th overall in the state.

The team appreciates the support of the Extension Office staff, their Team Sponsors, and their parents!



## 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

Record Books should be shown and signed by your leader at your May, June, or July club meeting before the fair. (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)

**\*NEW: Members must have completed a livestock record book in 2023 to be eligible to sell in 2024, except for new members or members not previously in that project.**

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](https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide) to help you through the process of filling the book out.

Books are due to the Extension office by September 15 for evaluation.



## YOUTH 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 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.

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## RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2024 Award Applications are posted on our website:

[https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe\\_AwardApp](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>

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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/MonroeFamilyHandbook>





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June/July Youth Cooking School, Waterloo, Columbia & Hecker
- June/July Ag Tech Science Camp, Baebler Edu Farm, JJK FANE Center
- June 3 Food Demonstration Show, Monroe Co. Annex
- June 3-7 Outdoor Adventures Camp, Baebler Educational Farm
- June 4 4-H Gardenbuds Club begins, Monroe County Annex
- June 19 Livestock Entry Night, Monroe County Fairgrounds
- June 29 4-H Show-A-Rama (general projects), Imm. Luth. Church Hall
- July 21-28 Monroe County Fair (horticulture, crops & livestock)
- August 11 Monroe County Day at State Fair

### What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

#### Find out here:

<https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/01/1638109901.html>



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