

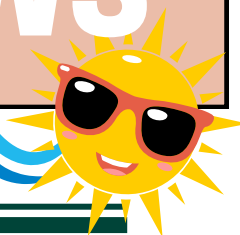


4-H FAMILY

MONROE COUNTY

JUNE 2025

NEWS



4-H SHOW-A-RAMA: JUNE 28

MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

*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://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/21219>

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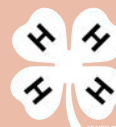
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What do you do on the day of Show-A-Rama?

1. Arrive at the Monroe County Fairgrounds Fine Arts Building (4177 St. Rt. 156, Waterloo) between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m., on June 28.
2. Sign in with 4-H staff in your appropriate project categories and attach the provided show tag to your project.
3. You may have to sit and wait until your judge is available.
4. 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 this year.
5. The judge will award a Blue, Red, or White ribbon after evaluation is completed. They will also make selections for State Fair Representative or Alternate after all projects are judged.
6. 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.
7. Projects may be taken home at 1:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact Kelly Brandt, 4-H Program Coordinator, at kmbrandt@illinois.edu or 618-939-3434.



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.



MONROE COUNTY FAIR 4-H SHOWS: JULY 20-27

REGISTRATION FOR LIVESTOCK, CROPS, & HORTICULTURE PROJECTS
EXHIBITED AT THE FAIR:

DUE BY JUNE 25

1. Review the 4-H Fair Showbook for class guidelines for Livestock, Horticulture & Crops:

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

2. Register here:

<https://fairentree.com/Fair/SignIn/19737>

3. Follow these instructions:

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

***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.**

If you do not have computer access to complete your entries online, you may use our computers at Livestock Entry Night at the Fairgrounds on June 25, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

YOUTH COOKING SCHOOL DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

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

- Paper towels
- Paper plates & bowls
- Plastic forks & spoons
- Ziplock bags
- Saran wrap/foil



Donations can be dropped off at the Extension office M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



4-H MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

MONROE COUNTY



MASTER Showmanship

TUESDAY, JULY 22ND 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 25TH.

 618-939-3434
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SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST

MONROE COUNTY FAIR

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SKILLATHON ● SPECIES KNOWLEDGE ● MONEY PRIZES

PREMIUM NUMBERS

• 51327 JR CATTLE	• 51331 JR SHEEP
• 51328 SR CATTLE	• 51332 SR SHEEP
• 51329 JR SWINE	• 51333 JR GOATS
• 51330 SR SWINE	• 51334 SR GOATS
• 51335 JR POULTRY	• 51336 SR POULTRY

JUNIOR - AGES 8-12

SENIOR - AGES 13-18

TUESDAY, JULY 22ND AT 1:00PM
IN THE BAND PAVILION

TO SIGN UP, WRITE THE RESPECTIVE PREMIUM NUMBER IN YOUR FAIR ENTRY FORMS AND BRING TO THE FAIR ENTRY NIGHT ON JUNE 25TH.


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PORTA WESTFALICA PARADE!

Monroe County 4-H members, families, and volunteers are invited to walk together in the Porta Westfalica Parade on **Tuesday, June 17.**

Participants are encouraged to wear their “**Monroe County 4-H Grown**” **t-shirts**. You may purchase one at the Extension Office if you do not have one. You may also wear another 4-H shirt if you have one.

**Please watch your email for details regarding the parade lineup.*



MONROE COUNTY 4-H SHIRTS

T-shirts: \$15
Sweatshirts: \$25
Hoodies: \$30

SWEATSHIRTS:
BUY ONE, GET ONE
½ OFF!*

***EQUAL OR LOWER VALUE**

Checks or cash accepted. Checks can be made out to **Monroe County 4-H Federation**.
Shirts are available at the Extension office M-F, 8-4:30 p.m. (closed 12-1p.m.)
or on certain evenings (call Kelly at 618-939-3434) for details.



Sizes available include:

Youth Small, Medium, Large & XL

Adult Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL & XXXL



4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS



Several local 4-H members attended the annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals on May 24 and saw a 6-5 win against the Arizona Diamondbacks. A highlight for Monroe County was having one of our club members, Janella Neary, say the 4-H pledge before the game began!



GOLDEN EAGLES LANDSCAPING PROJECT AT BAEBLER EDUCATIONAL FARM

Members of the Golden Eagles 4-H club spruced up an area near the pergola at Baebler Farm on May 10 using funds from a \$500 Community Improvement Grant through Farm Credit of Illinois. They planted 25 native pollinator species, mulched the area, and added decorative rock around the bench.



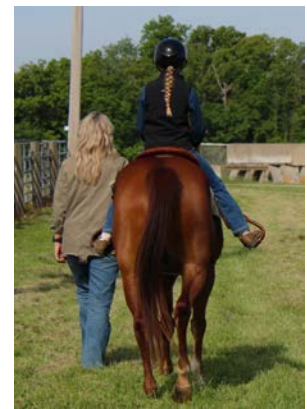
HORSE SHOW



4-H members enjoyed a beautiful morning of exhibiting horses at the 4-H Horse Show on May 10. Special thanks to our judge, Melisa Williams, and ringmaster, Mary Williams, for volunteering their time with our riders!



Thank you to **Jada Casto** for her many years of being the American Flag bearer to signal the start of the 4-H Horse Show! Another big thank you goes to her mom **Staci** for her six years of service as a volunteer with the Monroe County Hoofbeats! We will miss you both!



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.



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>





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 2 Food Demonstration Show, 7:00 pm, Monroe County Annex
- June 2-5 Youth Cooking School-Hecker
- June 10 Gardenbuds Club begins
- June 14 Extension Garden Promotional Booth @ Farmer's Market
- June 17 Building Life Skills Workshop for teens, 9 am-1 pm, Annex
- June 17 4-H in Porta Westfalica Parade, 6pm (line up time TBD)
- June 28 Show-A-Rama, 8:30-10:30 am, Monroe Co. Fairgrounds
- June 28 Project Recognition, 12:30 pm, Monroe Co. Fairgrounds
- 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/07/234871807.html>



- State Fair updates
- State Virtual Fishing Tournament
- State Food Challenge
- State Poultry Judging Contest
- State Livestock Judging Contest
- And More!



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