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Food Demonstration Show

Monday, June 7, 7:00pm, Monroe County Annex

Show-A-Rama--1

Saturday, June 12, 8:30-11:00am, Monroe County Fairgrounds

(See Showbook for project list: <https://go.illinois.edu/Showbook-General>)

Show-A-Rama--2

Wednesday, June 16, 6pm-8:30pm, Monroe County Fairgrounds

(See Showbook for project list: <https://go.illinois.edu/Showbook-General>)

Monroe County Fair

July 18-25, Monroe County Fair

Monroe County Day at IL State Fair

Sunday, August 1, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield

4-H SHOWBOOK & SHOW REGISTRATION

Please review the 4-H Showbook for class guidelines:

General Projects & Food Demos:

<https://go.illinois.edu/Showbook-General>

Horticulture, Crops & Livestock:

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

To register to exhibit, please follow these instructions:

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

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618-939-3434, 618-939-7708 Fax

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Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Closed Noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

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5/25/21**4-H COVID Update**

Thank you so much for your continued support this past year as we made the necessary changes to protect the health of our 4-H community. This summer, we are excited to be able to return to in-person versions of our events!

In line with the latest guidelines from campus, the following will be in place on or before June 30th at all 4-H events:

- The university will no longer require fully vaccinated people to wear face coverings or practice social

distancing indoors or outdoors. "Fully vaccinated" means 14 days after your final dose.

- Face coverings for youth under 12 and people who are not fully vaccinated will be required indoors.
- Masks may be removed outdoors only when it is possible to maintain social distance of at least 6 feet.
- These policies are grounded in the honor code. Participants will self-identify as vaccinated or

unvaccinated; staff will not verify vaccination status for staff, youth, families, or volunteers. The 4-H program teaches youth the values of honesty and integrity and this is a chance for us all to model and represent those principles. Youth will continue to pay attention to not only our words, but also our actions.

We know this has been a year of making painful sacrifices to help stop the spread of a global pandemic, and we

are humbled by the care you have taken to keep each other safe. Last summer, in the midst of the pandemic, we

successfully moved to a virtual version of 400+ 4-H showcase events. As we go forward into this next phase,

we know we will continue to be stronger together, whatever comes our way.

We will keep aligning with CDC, IDPH, and campus guidelines and will update you on any changes. We are looking forward to seeing you this summer at 4-H events!

Dr. Lisa Bouillion Diaz

4-H Assistant Dean and Director

WELCOME (BACK) EMILY REECE!

Welcome to Emily Reece, who was recently hired as an additional Youth Development Educator for Unit 22 (Madison/St. Clair/Monroe). Emily served as a Program Coordinator for Monroe, St. Clair and Madison counties from 2012-2017.



Emily has been working at First National Bank for the past four years while obtaining her Masters Degree in Educational Leadership & Equity Education from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. She resides in Waterloo with her husband

Eddie and 3 year old son Walt. We are excited to have Emily back on the 4-H team!



2020 PREMIUM CHECKS HAVE BEEN MAILED!

If you exhibited your 4-H project(s) virtually in 2020, you will be receiving your premium check in the mail (early this year!).

Please be sure to cash your checks ASAP!

4-H HORSE SHOW

10 youth participated in the 4-H Horse Show on May 15.

Special thanks to all of the parents, judges-Melisa Williams & Kay Courtney and 4-H assistant, Megan Vogt!



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LIVESTOCK TRAININGS

DAIRY CATTLE, BEEF CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP AND/OR GOATS EXHIBITORS

If you did not take the face-to-face YQCA training, please complete the online version by
JUNE 1: <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

HORSE, RABBITS, POULTRY, DOGS, AND/OR CAT EXHIBITORS

The online Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all new youth by JUNE 1:
<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Those who don't complete the above required trainings will be removed from their project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county shows.

4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK AUCTION UPDATE

The Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation and the Youth Livestock Auction Committee are in the process of planning the 2021 Livestock Auction for local youth.

The group is exploring various options with the hope of a live auction; however, virtual plans are being considered if the need arises. One main consideration of the committee is being mindful of current economic conditions and the impact some of our local businesses have faced. We understand that some businesses and community members who have historically supported 4-H and FFA members in the past may not be in a financial position to participate in the auction this year.

With this in mind, the committee decided each youth will be limited to selling only ONE animal to reduce the total number of animals being auctioned this year.

If you have any questions, feedback, or concerns, please contact the Monroe County Extension office at 618-939-3434.

NEW IN 2021: Livestock exhibitors will now be paid premiums for TWO livestock entries per class number. Previous year rules allowed for exhibition of two entries per class, however, premiums were only paid for one entry.

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CONGRATULATIONS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!



Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation:

Megan Vogt-Maeystown Clovers, **Deanna Schultheis**-
Maeystown Clovers, **Riley Middendorf**-Clover Friends,
Madilyn Hoock-Moonlight Boys & Girls



Lester & Lucille Korsmeyer Scholarship:

Megan Vogt

CONGRATULATIONS 4-H HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Owen Bartosik
Maeystown Clovers

Michael Chausse
Federation & Shotgun

Reese Diekman
Teen Teachers

James Eschmann
Maeystown Clovers

Austin Grohmann
Clover Friends

Claire Grohmann
Clover Friends

Madilyn Hoock
Moonlight

Madison Huebner
Teen Teachers

Katie Jung
Teen Teachers

Josh Middendorf
*Clover Friends &
Livestock Judging Team*

Riley Middendorf
*Clover Friends &
Livestock Judging Team*

Jacob Niebruegge
*Maeystown Clovers
Crusading Eagles*

Alexis Mudd
Teens as Teachers

Jordan Scharf
Teens as Teachers

Deanna Schultheis
*Maeystown Clovers &
Federation*

Rosemary Schultheis
Maeystown Clovers

Reese Schaefer
Crusading Eagles

Cory Stumpf
Crusading Eagles

Roz Surman
Bushy Prairie

Megan Vogt
*Maeystown Clovers,
Federation, Teen Teachers*

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

The **Moonlight Boys & Girls Club** recently partnered with Ameren Illinois and planted two trees at the Valmeyer Emergency Services Building in honor of Arbor Day. Allen Maus from Ameren's Forestry Dept. discussed the importance of planting trees for the environment as well as the economy as well as safety guidelines to follow before digging.



First row: Jack Paisley, Will Roberts, Wyatt Bergman, Jenna Korves,
Jessica Branson

Second row: Allen Maus, James Turner, Lexi Mueller, Amanda
Marquardt, Benjamin Whelan, Valerie Branson,
Lilly Turner, Faith Turner

PUBLIC SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS ADVANCE TO STATE!

The Monroe County 4-H Public Speaking Show was held on April 29 at the Monroe County Annex, judged by 4-H Alum, Bobby Lee.

Golden Eagles Club members, Sydney & Maya Woodard both competed with illustrated speeches and were selected to advance to the State Public Presentations Show at Richland Community College in Decatur on June 5.

Great job and good luck ladies!



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4-H/U OF I EXTENSION MASKS FOR SALE!



We are offering U of I Extension/4-H Masks for purchase:
<https://go.illinois.edu/Mask>

These masks have a strap on them which are beneficial to avoid losing them and will come in handy at summer 4-H shows.

We are taking orders now.

They are \$6 each.

We would prefer to have them picked up at the Extension office, but we are offering a mailing option for an additional cost of \$1 per mask for postage.

4-H SHIRTS AVAILABLE!

If you are a new member or have outgrown your 4-H shirts, there are a limited number available at the Extension office.

Please contact Kelly at kmbrandt@illinois.edu and let her know what size(s) you need.

4-H AWARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD NOW!

The following updated documents have been posted to our website under the "County Awards" tab at the bottom: <https://extension.illinois.edu/mms/4-h-monroe-county>

- o 2021 Award Application
- o Award Application Tip Sheet
- o Award Application Example
- o Award Applications are due SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

- 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 it off and fill it in by hand. Please remember to be very neat if writing.
- The Instruction Guide is found here: 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, 2021** for evaluation.

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4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Madilyn Hooch



Madilyn is a 9 year member of the Monroe County 4-H program. She started her career with the Monroe County Hoofbeats and later became a member of the Moonlight Boys & Girls Club, where she served as President, Vice President and Historian. She was also a member of the Monroe County Hoofbeats Competition Team. Her projects included equine science, visual arts, poultry & floriculture.

MADILYN PLANS TO ATTEND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY-CARBONDALE TO STUDY HORTICULTURE WITH A MINOR IN AGRIBUSINESS ECONOMICS. HER GOALS ARE TO GO INTO SOMETHING HORTICULTURE-RELATED, POSSIBLY PRODUCTION, LANDSCAPE OR RESEARCH.

"I believe that 4-H helped expose and show me what all agriculture has to offer. It really opened my eyes to everything that goes into it and how I can get myself involved within agriculture."



"MY FAVORITE 4-H MEMORY IS THE MONROE COUNTY FAIR. IT'S SOMETHING I LOOK FORWARD TO EACH YEAR AND I GET EXCITED TO EXHIBIT MY PROJECTS TO THE PUBLIC. PLUS, I ENJOY HELPING OUT THE YOUNGER EXHIBITORS AS THEY GET THEIR START IN THE POULTRY BARN AND ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE."

Continue to watch upcoming newsletters and our Facebook page as we highlight our 4-H Seniors in Senior Spotlights!

SENIOR 2021



4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Riley Middendorf



Riley is a 6 year member of the Clover Friends 4-H Club, where she has held office as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. She was also a member of the Monroe County Livestock Judging Team. Her projects included Cooking, Visual Arts, Photography, Rabbits, Poultry & Beef.

RILEY PLANS TO ATTEND SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE IN THE FALL, WHERE SHE PLANS TO GET TWO YEARS OF UNDERGRADUATE TRAINING COMPLETED, AND THEN TRANSFER TO SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY-EDWARDSVILLE TO OBTAIN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. AFTER COLLEGE, SHE PLANS TO WORK FOR HER FAMILY'S CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS, AND HER LONG-TERM GOALS INCLUDE PURCHASING SHARES OF THE COMPANY.



"Although I am not pursuing a career that has anything to do with my 4-H projects, I have certainly been positively impacted through this organization. 4-H has given me innumerable skills that I will take with me for the rest of my life. 4-H is most definitely an organization that I would love to be a part of even when my years as a member are complete."



"MY FAVORITE 4-H MEMORY WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MONROE COUNTY FAIR, WHETHER IT WAS SCOOPING ICE CREAM, WINNING THE FAIR FAMILY AWARD, OR SHOWING LIVESTOCK, I GREATLY ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS AS WELL AS TELLING STRANGERS ABOUT MY LIVESTOCK PROJECT."



4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Josh Middendorf



Josh is a 7 year member of the Clover Friends 4-H Club, and is also a member of the Monroe County 4-H Livestock Judging Team. His projects have included beef, welding, rabbits, tractor safety, and small engines.

JOSH PLANS TO JOIN THE CARPENTERS UNION, AND WORK FULL TIME FOR MIDDENDORF AND REUSS CONSTRUCTION. HIS CAREER GOALS ARE TO BUY SHARES OF HIS FAMILY'S COMPANY AND EVENTUALLY OWN THE BUSINESS.



"I continue to have a herd of breeding cattle, and will hopefully raise show calves to sell in the future. Through 4-H, I have gained responsibility and learned the importance of working hard."



"MY FAVORITE MEMORY IS IN 2016 WHEN I WON OUR COUNTY FAIR STEER SHOW FOR THE FIRST TIME."



Congratulations!

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4-H MEMORIAL CAMP: FAMILY CAMP RETREATS!

4-H Family Camp | Experience the fun of summer camp right along with your kids!

Enjoy your own family cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat right in central Illinois. While at camp your family can swim, boat, shoot archery, climb the rock wall, make arts & crafts, fish, take hayrack rides, participate in S.T.E.M. activities, hike, make s'mores over a campfire, and so much more!

Ready to camp? Sign up for the June 6-8, June 18-20 or July 9-11 sessions at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp21>

MIDWEST YOUTH

PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

Calling all youth photographers! The "Capture What's Great in Midwest States" 4-H Photography Challenge is all about exploring what makes your town, county, state or the Midwest great!

Submissions due June 30.

Learn more: z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-challenge



TRUE LEADERS IN EQUITY INSTITUTE

Champion Equity-Related Work in Your Community!

From September 10-12 and on October 9, 2021 the True Leaders in Equity Institute will prepare up to 20 teams to be change agents to create more welcoming and inclusive environments in 4-H. At the Institute, your team will gain a deeper understanding of equity and inclusion, choose an issue to focus on, develop new skills, create an action plan for when you return home! Head here to apply by June 30th.



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REGISTRATION OPEN: 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT CERTIFICATION FIELD DAY TRAININGS



Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July for Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines/ These are one-day only!

June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)

July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

****Monroe County can always use additional Shooting Sports Instructors, especially in the areas of Archery & Pistol. Please contact Kelly Brandt at kmbrandt@illinois.edu or 939-3434.**



ILLINOIS CROP SCOUTING COMPETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH

The Illinois Crop Scouting Competition is a one-day contest and will be held at the Crop Sciences Research & Ed. Center in Savoy, IL on August 4, 2021. Student teams of 2-5 high-school-aged youth (grades 9-12) with an adult coach will rotate through 10 outdoor stations at the University of Illinois South Farm fields to test their skills hands-on with topics such as identifying weeds, insects, and diseases, identifying the growth stages of corn and soybean plants, assessing abiotic injury, pesticide application, and integrated pest management. Event details can be found at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/illinois-crop-scouting-competition>

SCHLEICH TOYS STORY CONTEST



What do you think would happen if the toy company Schleich got together with 4-H to create the most fantastic animal tale of all time? Find out with the "Create Your Story" contest, launching NOW! Join in the fun by creating a story only YOU can imagine.

The top 10 stories will go to a vote and the top two will be part of an interactive "create your own adventure" video premiering this fall!

Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/3taqrEV>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest	June 4
Monroe Co. Hoofbeats Youth Horse Show	June 5, 1pm, Monroe County Fairgrounds
State Public Speaking Show	June 5
Food Demonstration Show	June 7, Monroe County Fairgrounds-Fine Arts Building
Show-A-Rama 1 (Cooking, Food Decorating, Food Science, Floriculture, Woodworking, Visual Arts, Small Engines, Tractor, Welding)	June 12, 8:30-11:00am, Monroe County Fairgrounds
Show-A-Rama 2 (Animal & Vet Science, Clothing, Int. Design, Photography, Technology, Nat. Res., Shooting Sports, Etc.)	June 16, 6-8:30pm, Monroe County Fairgrounds
Illini Summer Academies	June 27-July 1, Virtual
Science Camp	June 28-July 1, Monroe County Annex
Youth Cooking School	June 7-10, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo
Youth Cooking School	June 14-17, St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Columbia
Youth Cooking School Food Challenge	June 21-24, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo
Monroe County Fair (horticulture, crops, livestock shows)	July 18-25, Monroe County Fairgrounds
State Jr. Horse Shows	July 25-August 1, IL State Fairgrounds-Springfield
Monroe County Day @ IL State Fair	August 15, IL State Fairgrounds-Springfield



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