

4-H FAMILY MADISON COUNTY

APRIL 2025



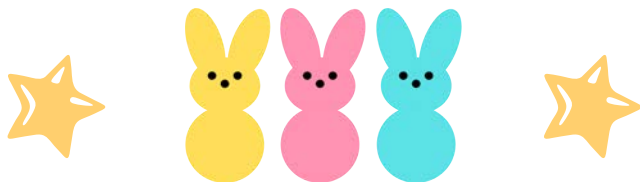
NEWS

Happy Spring

4-H Fair and Show Season is just around the corner! Check out all the upcoming events and information below.

Fair Registration will be open online from
April 15 - June 1 at faireentry.com.

More details will be emailed to families in April following the 4-H Leaders Meetings.



2025 Madison County 4-H Showbook

The 4-H Showbook is ready to view with show dates and project guidelines:

<https://go.illinois.edu/2025MadisonCounty4-HShowbook>

Please register to exhibit your projects here:

<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/21210>

using these instructions:

<https://go.illinois.edu/2025MadisonCountyFairEntryInstructions>

(If you made a profile in Fair Entry last year, you should log in with the username/password you previously used.)

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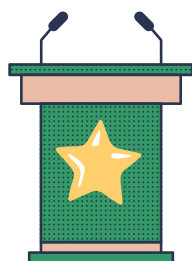
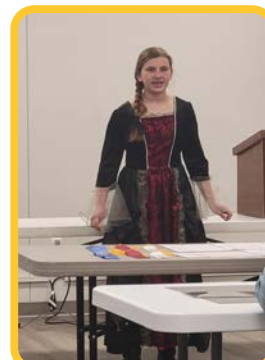
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Public Speaking Contest

On March 10th, we had 13 4-Hers present in the Madison and St. Clair County 4-H Public Speaking Contest. Everyone did an amazing job!

State Fair Delegates: Ava Meyer (Madison), Emma Meyer (Madison), Jilly Stoks (St. Clair), and Savannah Nitecki (Madison)





NATIONAL 4-H DAY OF SERVICE



As part of True Leaders in Service and National Volunteer Appreciation Month, 4-H members and clubs are requested to register all service outreach efforts they plan to conduct between March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025.

Register your service project here:

<https://form.jotform.com/250294683429162>

Madison County 4-H

HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE



Come help clean up the Madison County Fairgrounds. Youth who help will receive a parking pass for the 2025 Fair!

The plan is to clean up leaves, sticks, weeds, and trash around the fairgrounds. Please bring rakes and leaf blowers if you have them! Open to all 4-H members.



Date: Monday, April 7, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Madison County Fairgrounds

2025 Park Hill Dr, Highland, IL 62249

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840 TAGS IN BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, AND SWINE

We are excited about our new 4-H year and hope you are! We have a couple of changes for livestock that we would like to bring to your attention as the new year has begun.

840 Tag Requirement

New this year, all swine, beef, and dairy cattle are required to have a USDA official animal identification number ear tag (840 tag). The tag must be both visually and electronically readable. We know that there will be many questions, so here are a few answers to some basic questions:

- Who must have the 840 tag?
 - Beef – all heifers, all cows, and all steers being exhibited at the fair
 - Dairy Cattle – all heifers, all cows, all steers, and all calves being exhibited at the fair
 - Swine – all gilts and all barrows being exhibited at the fair
- Where do I get the 840 tag?
 - Breeder in which you purchased your animal from (up to breeder)
 - Local Veterinarian
 - Purchase tag from a farm supply store (Valley Vet, Nasco)
 - Purchase from Department of Agriculture:
<https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/premises-registration.html>
- How do I purchase my own tags?
 - The location where the animal is being kept will have to have a registered Premise ID from the state of Illinois. With the Premise ID, you can purchase tags from a farm supply store such as Valley Vet, Nasco, or the Department of Agriculture.
- We don't have a Premise ID, which hasn't been updated. What do we do?
 - You can obtain an application from the Illinois Department of Agriculture and send it in. The turnaround time is very quick.
 - If you have a Premise ID but need it updated, contact agr.premises@illinois.gov, and she will help you!
 - If you need a new Premise ID, you can log onto <https://agr.illinois.gov> and search for "Fillable Premise Form," then fill it out and email it to the address listed on the form.
- Will tags be checked when we arrive at the show?
 - Yes, superintendents will be checking that all beef, dairy cattle, and swine have the tag.
 - If an animal does not have a tag, they are not allowed to be on the fairgrounds.
 - There is a chance that a State employee will be at the show monitoring that tags are checked, and if they are not, then 4-H and the fairgrounds can be fined.



2024-2025 4-H HANDBOOK

For more information about...

- Project selection
- 4-H Shows
- Member expectations
- Livestock requirements
- Where to go for questions



Check out the Madison County 4-H Handbook:

<https://go.illinois.edu/MadisonCounty4-HHandbook>.

LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

All members are encouraged to fill out a 4-H Record Book for livestock and/or horse projects exhibiting at a 4-H Show.

It is REQUIRED to fill out 4-H Record Books for any livestock that members are showing in a market class.

Members must complete a livestock record book for the current year to be eligible to show in a market class for the preceding year.

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
to help you through the process of filling the book out.

Books are due to the Extension office by September 15.

4-H Livestock Record Book Common Questions

Who has to turn in a livestock record book?

It is mandatory for any 4-H member who is participating in a livestock market class to complete a livestock record book.

Where do I find the livestock record book?

You can get the livestock record book on the Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties web-page at https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock_record_writable.pdf.

Is there a tip sheet on how to fill out the livestock record book?

Yes, the tip sheet can be found here:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2020_livestock_record_book_instruction_guide.pdf.

If I show in multiple livestock species for a market class, do I have to have one per each species?

If a 4-H member is showing multiple species in a market class, they must fill out a separate livestock record book for each species.

If I have more than one market animal in same species, can they be put on the same livestock record book?

If a 4-H member is showing multiple animals within the same species for a market class, they can choose to fill out the livestock record book for just one market animal, both market animals, or for the entire herd. For example, if a youth is showing two market wethers in the goat category, they can choose to fill out the record book for only one of them or include both animals in the same book. They can even add in their whole herd to the livestock record book if they want to.

When are livestock record books due?

4-H members must submit their record books to the Extension Office by September 15, 2025.

What happens if I do not submit my livestock record book?

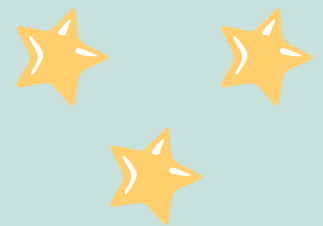
4-H members who do not submit a livestock record book by Sept. 15, 2025, will not be able to show in that livestock market class for the 2026 4-H Show.

Who is keeping track of who has to turn in a livestock record book?

4-H staff are keeping track of who has to turn in a livestock record book.

Do 4-H leaders have to check livestock record books before the 4-H shows?

Leaders are encouraged to check in with the 4-H members to see if they have started their record books or need assistance. If help is needed, please refer to the attached tip sheet or contact our unit email (uie-mms@illinois.edu) to reach one of our 4-H staff for support.



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.



THE WEB-BASED TRAINING:
YQCAPROGRAM.ORG

NEW members:

- Register for a new account under a parent's name and fill out all required fields.
- Confirm your account through a link sent to your email.
- Click on the blue "Add Child" button on the YQCA website and enter the required fields for each child participating in the YQCA training.
- Next, click on your user name in the blue box in the upper right-hand corner.

RETURNING members:

- Sign in with their previous username and password.
- Choose "Enrolled ILT Trainings" from the dropdown list.
- Click on the blue "Go to Courses" button.
- Click on the blue button indicating the child's age next to his/her name.
- Choose the appropriate age and either "Instructor Led Training" for \$3 OR "Web Based Training" for \$12.
- Next, choose the participants' names, states, and training dates.
- Training must be paid for via credit/debit card. If this option is not available for your family, please contact the Extension office ASAP.
- Repeat the registration process for each family member required to take the training.



Club Spotlight



Pin Oak Progressors collected the most needed items for the Glen-Ed Food Pantry for their March community service. Great Job!



Quercus Grove 4-H Club collected 67 items for the Madison County Humane Society. Great job; keep up the great work!



Madison County Shooting Sports 4-H Clubs



Are you interested in joining the Madison County 4-H Shooting Sports Club?

Below are our clubs that you can join. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

▼ Grant Prairie Shooting Sports

Meeting: Seasonal
Discipline- Shotgun
Location: New Douglas
Leader: Jennifer Mucklow
(j.mucklow07@yahoo.com)

▼ Open Sight Shooting Sports Club

Meeting: Seasonal
Description: Archery
Meeting Date: Every other Friday at 2:30 pm in Dorsey
Leader: Mindy Cory
(mindy.j.cory@gmail.com)

▼ Iron Sight Shooting Sports Club

Meeting Date: Seasonal
Discipline- Rifle
Location: Alton
Leader: Darrell Chrisenberry
(darrell.chrisenberry59@gmail.com)

▼ Staunton Road Rangers Shooting Sports Club

Meeting Date: Seasonal
Discipline- Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun
Location: Edwardsville
Leader: Max and Tamsey Bremer
(maxandtams@gmail.com)



Plant Bingo Fundraiser Play, Win, and Grow!

Join the Madison County Extension Education Foundation for an exciting Plant Bingo Fundraiser—an afternoon of fun, prizes, and community support! All proceeds help fund vital programs, including 4-H, Illinois Nutrition Education, Master Gardeners, and Master Naturalists.

 **Date:** Sunday, April 27, 2025

 **Time:** 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

(Games start at 1:30 PM)

 **Location:** Madison County Farm Bureau Building

 **Address:** 900 Hillsboro Ave, Edwardsville, IL 62025

How to Participate:

- Recommended donation amount is \$20 per person
- Bring a smile and a winning energy

Includes:

5 Rounds of Bingo

(  **Winners Take Home Plants!**  )

50/50 Raffle for those that participate

 **Mark your calendar today! Let's grow something great together!**  



Come enjoy an afternoon filled with laughter, friendly competition, and the opportunity to win beautiful plants!  Gather your friends or join a communal table and support local programs that make a difference in our community.

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[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MCEEF](https://www.facebook.com/mceef) | [HTTPS://EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/MMS](https://extension.illinois.edu/mms)



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**4H MEMBERS
WE NEED YOUR
CREATIVITY!!**

HELP BRING
ROCK QUEST
TO LIFE BY
PAINTING
ROCKS!

YOUR ROCKS WILL SERVE AS CLUE
MARKERS FOR PARTICIPANTS TO LOOK
FOR AS THEY STROLL THROUGH THE
GARDENS AND NATURAL HABITATS IN
A FUN AND EXCITING SCAVENGER
HUNT.

 **PAINTED ROCKS DUE:
MAY 23, 2025**

 **DROP-OFF LOCATION:
MADISON COUNTY FARM BUREAU,
900 HILLSBORO AVE,
EDWARDSVILLE, IL 62025**

TOGETHER, LET'S
MAKE ROCK
QUEST AN
UNFORGETTABLE
EXPERIENCE!
REACH OUT TO
MEGAN
MARTINSON AT
MEGAN.BIGGS@
YAHOO.COM TO
LEARN MORE.



Check out the UPDATED Madison County Foundation's 4-H Event Scholarship!

Interested in trying a new 4-H experience but not sure about the cost?

Think about applying for a 4-H Event Scholarship! The Madison County Extension Education Foundation is offering up to five half-fee scholarships for this 4-H program year for members to help cover costs to attend 4-H events such as the 4-H camp, the Illini Summer Academies, Outdoor Adventures Camp, or the Jr. Leadership Conference. Maximum scholarship amounts are \$100.

This is a “post-event” scholarship, meaning you must register, attend the event, and complete the requirements before receiving the funds for the scholarship. Applications are due 2 weeks before an event’s registration deadline, along with a separate reference leader from your 4-H leader. (Restrictions on who can serve as a reference are noted on the application.) If a member is selected for a scholarship, they must attend the event and then, within 2 weeks following the event, provide a follow-up report on the event, what they learned, and how they plan to share the information.

Registrations for Memorial 4-H Camp will open January 13, so if you are interested in applying for the camp scholarship, the new application should be available shortly via the Madison County 4-H webpage: 4-H in Madison County | Serving Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties | Illinois Extension | UIUC. Scroll down to Scholarships and click on the Madison County Foundation 4-H Event Scholarship link.

4-H members can only be accepted for one scholarship each program year. Should a member be selected for a scholarship but not complete the requirements, that member will not be eligible for future scholarships. Please remember that a limited number of scholarships are available each 4-H program year.



★ 22nd Annual ★ 4-H DAY

with the
Cardinals

TICKET ONLY

\$26

*All sales final

T-SHIRT INCLUDED!



SATURDAY

24
MAY

*payment is by credit card only

CARDINALS

VS

DIAMONDBACKS

4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the Diamondbacks!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 21

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Each ticket order enters your name into a drawing to win autographed baseballs and other prizes. One 4-H Member from Missouri and one 4-H Member from Illinois will be drawn to throw out the first pitch! Winners will be notified after May 7 and prizes will be mailed after the game.

*Please note - groups that wish to sit together **MUST** submit **ONE** order.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals>

TICKET/T-SHIRT QUESTIONS? Contact Rhonda Shafer at shaferr@missouri.edu

PARADE/RAFFLE QUESTIONS? Contact Tanner Adkins at tadkins@missouri.edu



Youth Cooking School 2025

Youth will learn basic cooking skills, kitchen and food safety, nutrition tips and prepare tasty recipes guaranteed to impress the whole family!

DATES

LOCATIONS

SESSIONS

June 2-5

Hecker Community Center
Hecker

Morning: 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Afternoon: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

June 9-12

Madison County Farm
Bureau
Edwardsville

June 23-26

Monroe County Annex
Waterloo

July 7-10

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Columbia

Cost
\$70

Ages
9-14



(618) 939-3434

sscheibe@illinois.edu

REGISTER
NOW!

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EDWARDSVILLE OFFICE UPDATE:

THE MADISON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE IN EDWARDSVILLE WILL BE UNDER IRREGULAR AND LIMITED OFFICE HOURS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

OUR UPDATED HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

 **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY:**
(8:00 AM – 4:30 PM) (CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12–1 PM)

 **TUESDAY & FRIDAY:**
(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, YOU CAN REACH US AT
618-344-4230 OR EMAIL US AT
UIE-MMS@ILLINOIS.EDU.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND
APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.



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Madison County 4-H shirts available in the Edwardsville Office!



Front

\$15 per shirt

There is a limited
amount of youth and
adult sizes.

Cash or Check ONLY

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★ **Are You Seeing Stars?!?** ★

Gaze upon the stars that twinkle within the pages of the
Madison County 4-H Newsletter!

Once you've tallied your celestial findings, send your total to Emily at
ereece@illinois.edu by **April 25** to unlock the chance for a delightful 4-H
Prize!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- April 14 - Spring Leaders Meeting 6 pm

May

- May 10 - Unit 4-H Horse Show
- May 23 - Painted Rocks are Due!
- May 24 - 4-H Day with the Cardinals

June

- June 1 - Deadline for Fair Entry
- June 21 -4-H Mini Fair (dog, cat, and small pet)
- June 24 - 4-H Food Show

July 2024

- July 16 Fair Set Up at 6 pm
- July 21 -General Show at 5:30 pm Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 22 - Bottle Bucket/Calf at 9:30 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 22 - Dairy Show at 10 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 23 - Rabbit Show at 6 pm Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 24 - Poultry Show at 9 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 24 - Super Showmanship at 4 pm Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 24 - Goat Show after the Open Goat Show Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 25 - Swine Show at 8 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 25 - Beef Show at 12 pm Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 26 - Sheep Show at 9:30 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 27 - Project Pick Up at 11 am Madison County Fair Grounds

August 2024

- August 8 - State Fair Day for Madison County



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