

# 4-H FAMILY MADISON COUNTY



JUNE 2025  
**NEWS**



Hello 4-Her's and Families,

I hope everyone is doing well and starting to prepare for the county fair!

I, Meghan Cope, wanted to let you know that I am currently on maternity leave but am gradually returning to work. Over the next few weeks, I will be working only a few days, and I plan to return full-time in July.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about fair entries, projects, or the fair itself, please feel free to email me. However, please understand that I may not respond right away. You can also reach out to our 4-H extra help, Erin Nemsky, at [enemsky@illinois.edu](mailto:enemsky@illinois.edu), and she will be happy to assist you as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. I am excited to start coming back to work, especially just in time for the fair!

Best regards,

Meghan Cope  
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## RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2025 Award Applications are posted on our website:

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

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

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

## 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 them 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 at the Extension office by September 15.



## 4-H Club Watch Schedule for General Projects

Club	Date	Time
Extension	Monday, July 21	3 pm - 8 pm
Alhambra Morning Glories	Tuesday, July 22	11 am - 2 pm
Good Producers	Tuesday, July 22	2 pm - 5 pm
New Douglas	Tuesday, July 22	5 pm - 8 pm
Grant Prairie	Wednesday, July 23	11 am - 2 pm
Grant Prairie	Wednesday, July 23	2 pm - 5 pm
Fosterburg Ag	Wednesday, July 23	5 pm - 8 pm
Quercus Grove	Thursday, July 24	11 am - 2 pm
Pin Oak Progressors	Thursday, July 24	2 pm - 5 pm
Prairie Youth	Thursday, July 24	5 pm - 8 pm
St. Jacob	Friday, July 25	11 am - 2 pm
Marine Stars	Friday, July 25	2 pm - 5 pm
Prairie Youth	Friday, July 25	5 pm - 8 pm
Briar Bank	Saturday, July 26	11 am - 2 pm
Cloverleaf Ag	Saturday, July 26	2 pm - 5 pm
Good Producers	Saturday, July 26	5 pm - 8 pm
Willoughby Wanderers	Sunday, July 27	11 am – 1 pm



# 2025 4-H General Project Show Club Schedule



Project drop off is when your club time is. If you need accommodations, please let Meghan Cope know by emailing her at [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)

Time	Club
5:30 p.m.	4-H Youth Superintendents
6:00 p.m.	Alhambra Morning Glorie, Prairie Youth, Cloverleaf Ag., Open Minds
6:15 p.m.	Willoughby Wanderers, Good Producers, Fosterburg AG
6:45 p.m.	Pin Oak Progressors, Marine Stars Jr. Ag, Quercus Grove
7:15 p.m.	St. Jacob, Brier Bank, Grant Prairie, New Douglas Cloverbuds





## 2024 4-H PREMIUM CHECKS



If you exhibited a 4-H project(s) at 4-H Shows in 2024, you will receive your 4-H premium check very soon. Please remember to cash your checks ASAP.

# Madison County 4-H



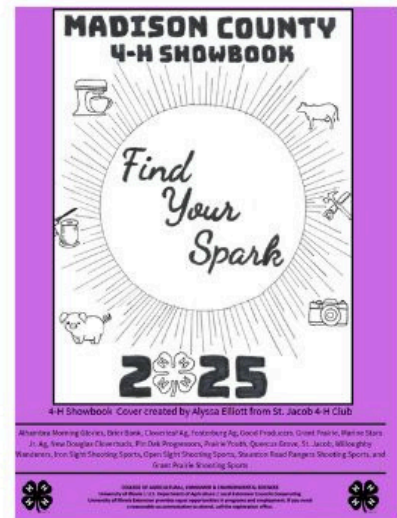
## 4-H Showbook Available

The Madison County 4-H Showbook contains all the information you need for showing a project at the 4-H shows.

- Show Schedule is in the front of showbook
- Some projects might require a publication.
- Some projects might have changed requirements
- Superintendent contact information is in the back of the book with each livestock category

Contact your club leader or view online at:

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



Congratulations to Alyssa Elliott the 2024 4-H Showbook Cover Design Winner!

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## 4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS



Congratulations to Maveric Schwarz from the Grant Prairie 4-H Club on being selected to throw out the first pitch at the Cardinals game on May 24!







# ROCK QUEST

## SCAVENGER HUNT

 Join us for a month-long journey through our beautiful gardens and natural habitats cared for, in part, by Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists! Follow the clues, find the rocks, and uncover your next destination.

 Snap a selfie and share your adventure on our Facebook page!

 Find the final location and be entered to win fantastic prizes!

**Get Involved and Explore Madison County in a Whole New Way!!**

 June 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025

 Dawn until Dusk

 Various Stops in Madison County

 \$10 individual | \$20 Family (4 entries)  
First clue given with ticket purchase.

Get your Tickets at  
<https://givebutter.com/wDWG6i>

Have Questions? Reach out to  
Megan Martinson at [Megan.biggs@yahoo.com](mailto:Megan.biggs@yahoo.com)

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Learn more, buy tickets, or become a sponsor

Fundraiser Hosted by: Madison County Extension Education Foundation  
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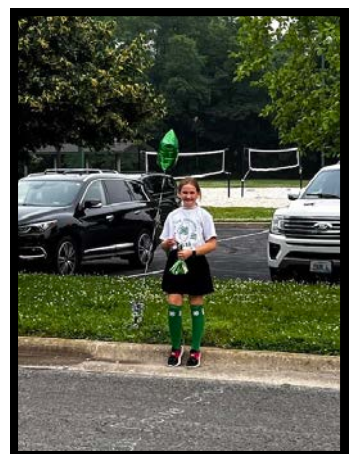




## Club Spotlight



Pin Oak Progressors worked a Spirit Station/Water Stop for the Route 66 10k Walk and Run on Saturday, July 7th. The theme was 4-H, so there were posters about Head, Heart, and Health, and green hands to high-five the runners. The 4-Hers and families cheered the runners, blew bubbles, and handed out water and Gatorade.





## 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 a tag from a farm supply store (Valley Vet, Nasco)
  - Purchase from the 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](mailto: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.



# 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](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](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](mailto:uie-mms@illinois.edu)) to reach one of our 4-H staff for support.





# 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)



## 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 letter 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.





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



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Back

**\$15 per shirt**

**There is a limited  
amount of youth and  
adult sizes.**

**Cash or Check ONLY**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June

- 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 Fairgrounds
- July 22 - Bottle Bucket/Calf at 9:30 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 22 - Dairy Show at 10 am, Madison County Fairgrounds
- July 23 - Rabbit Show at 6 pm, Madison County Fairgrounds
- July 24 - Poultry Show at 9 am, Madison County Fairgrounds
- July 24 - Super Showmanship at 4 pm, Madison County Fairgrounds
- July 24 - Goat Show after the Open Goat Show, at 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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