

4-H FAMILY

MADISON COUNTY

FEBRUARY 2025

NEWS



Hello 4-H Families,

Check out all the upcoming events and information below.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 217-244-4385 with any questions. We are looking forward to a wonderful February!

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 618-344-4230 with any questions!

Thank you,

Meghan Cope | 4-H Program
Coordinator Serving Madison and St. Clair
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Beyond Ready

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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, too! 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

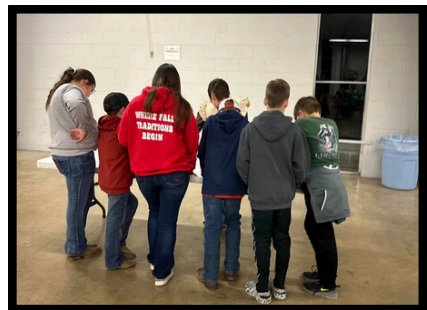
New this year, all swine, beef, and dairy cattle are required to have a USDA official animal identification number ear tag (840 tag). The tag must be both visually and electronically readable. We know that there will be many questions, so here are a few answers to some basic questions:

- 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, and it 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, reach out to 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 Clinic

Yesterday evening, we held the 4-H Livestock Clinic. The youth moved between five different stations to learn about beef, goats, swine, nutrition, and livestock record books. Madison County CAREE/Ag in the Classroom was also present with a booth featuring fun facts and providing livestock magazines for the youth to take home. A big thank you to our 4-H Superintendents for their help in making the clinic a success for our 4-H members! Also, thank you to the Madison County Fair Association for donating the pizza!



4-H Grant

Congratulations to the 35 youths who participated in the Madison County Farm Bureau Young Leaders 4-H Grant. All 35 youth will be receiving a grant. They divided it into three age categories: 8-10, 11-13, and 14+. The top two of each age category received \$350; the rest received \$100.

The Young Leaders dedicated \$2,500 to 4-H grants this year. These funds were raised at the annual Young Leaders Golf Scramble. With the help of an anonymous donor, we are awarding a total of \$5,000 in grants! This grant intends to offer engagement between Farm Bureau and 4-H, real-life experiences of interviewing and explaining a project, and funding projects to help lessen the burden on individual goals.

Madison County Farm Bureau Young Leaders would love to feature your grant award and project in our Madison County Farm Bureau newsletter and social media, so please send in a brief report and photo when you put your funds to use. Information can be emailed to manager@madcofb.org.

4-H Applicants

*means this youth was one of the top in their age category

- Allison Reding
- Amelia Hartmann
- Aubrey Barr
- Ava Abernathy *
- Ava Meyer
- Bryce Meyer *
- Charlotte Hartmann
- Dominick Kampwerth
- Emma Jackson
- Emma Meyer
- Emmett Ripperda
- Ethan Engelke
- George Unterbrink
- Grace Unterbrink
- Harper Merkel
- Henry Carril *
- Jack Akers *
- Jeffery Seymore
- Jemma Dorsey *
- Kollin Jansen
- Kyler Jansen
- Levi Musgrave
- Lily DeMange
- Lydia Kampwerth
- Maris Barr
- Mia Abernathy
- Owen Akers
- Raeleigh Pfershy
- Reese Zobrist *
- Teagan Barr
- Tommy Jackson
- Tyler DeMange
- Vincent Carril
- Wade Kampwerth
- Warren Musgrave

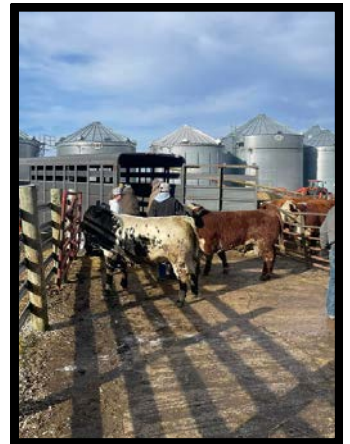
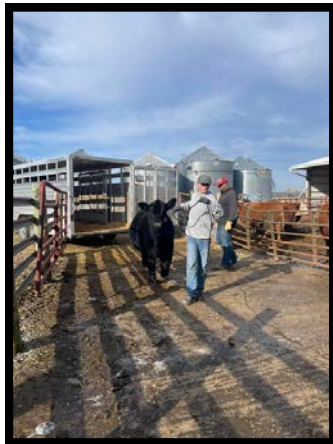


YOUNG LEADERS



4-H Steer Weigh-in

Thank you, Kusterman Farm, for hosting the 2025 Steer Weigh-in and to all the volunteers who helped! We had 25 steers weigh-in today. 174 days until show day!



QAEC Training



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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YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) TRAINING

FOR MEMBERS ENROLLED IN
BEEF, DAIRY, GOAT, SHEEP & SWINE PROJECTS



**INSTRUCTOR-LED
TRAINING:**

MARCH 3, 2025

6:00 P.M.

**MADISON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
IN THE EXPO BUILDING
2025 PARK HILL DR. HIGHLAND, IL
62249**

***IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND
THIS SESSIONS, YOU MAY TAKE THE
WEB-BASED TRAINING:
YQCAPROGRAM.ORG**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Please register by March 2, 2025
<https://yqcaprogram.org>

NEW members:

Register for a new account under a parent 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 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 child's age next to his/her name.
Choose appropriate age and either "Instructor Led Training" for \$3 OR "Web Based Training" for \$12.
Next, choose participants name, state and training date. 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 registration process for each family member required to take the training.



This training is required to exhibit and sell beef, dairy, goat, sheep or swine at the Madison Fair per USDA requirements.

Please call the Extension office at 618-344-4230 with any questions.

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Madison County 4-H Teens as Teachers Meeting



**Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Madison County CAREE Building
900 Hillsboro Ave., Edwardsville, IL**

What is 4-H Teens as Teachers?

- University of Illinois Extension 4-H Program and Madison County CAREE are partnering to teach youth about agriculture.
- This program is open to teens 14-18 years old.
- Teen Teachers will be required to complete 8 hours of training and 8 hours of volunteer teaching in order to complete the program

As a member of the Teens as Teachers team...

- You will be a role model for young kids who share your passion!
- You will expand your own knowledge by preparing lessons and teaching the material to youth.
- You will get practical training that you can use in college, in your career, and throughout life.

APPLY TODAY!

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



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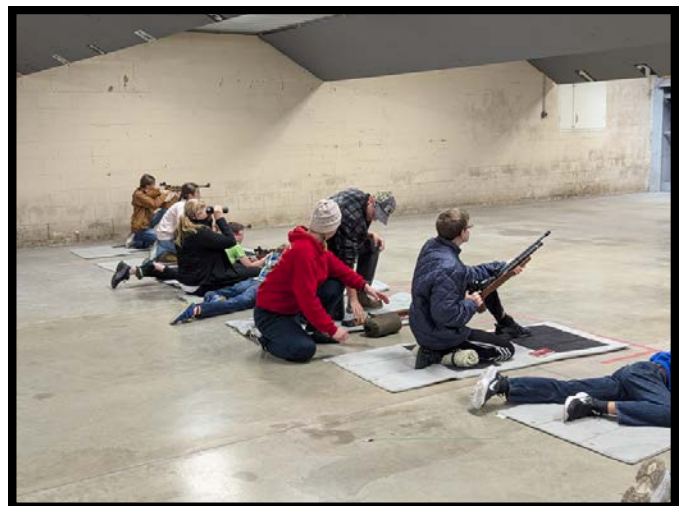
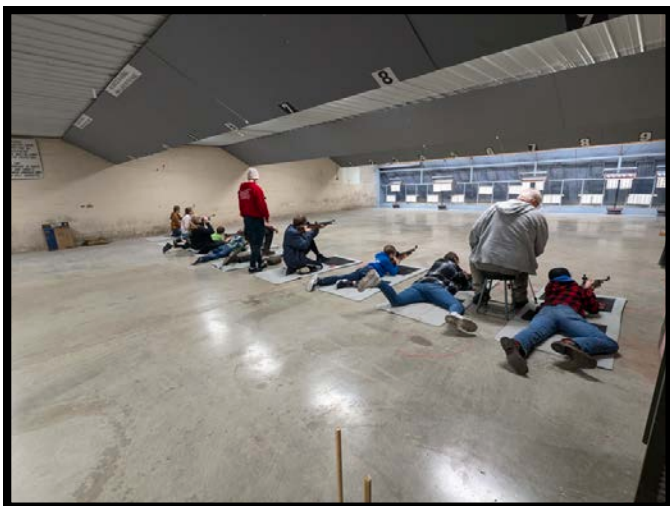
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Shooting Sports

Staunton Road Rangers Shooting Sports Club holds its winter meetings at the Highland Pistol and Rifle Club.

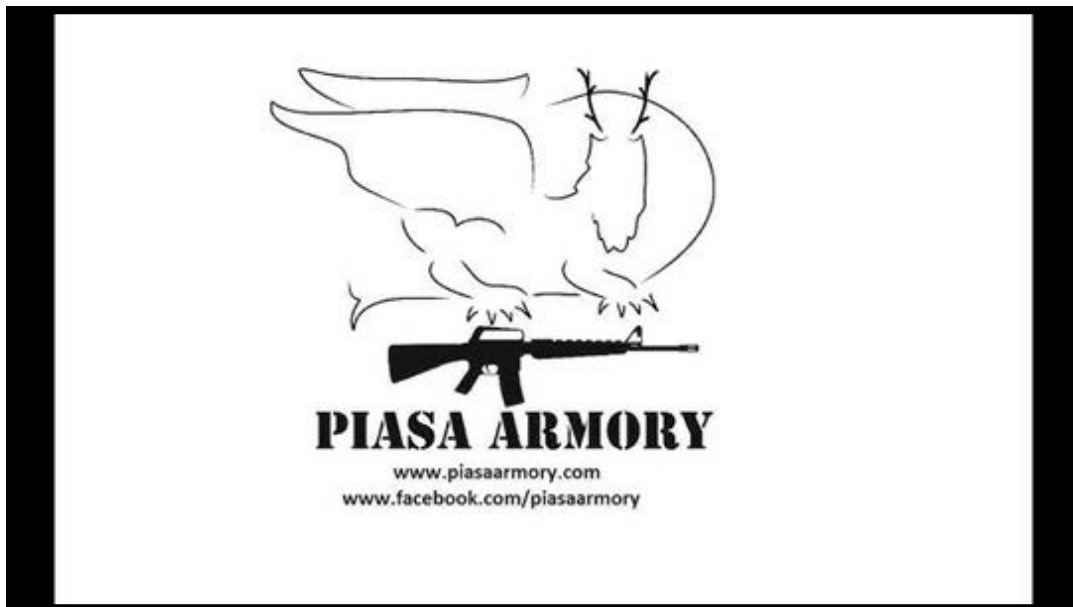
Thank you to the Highland Pistol and Rifle Club for generously hosting the shooting sports meetings at your facility.



Shooting Sports

Iron Sight Shooting Sports Club would like to extend their gratitude to Piasa Armory for allowing the club to use their facility. The club holds rifle practice sessions at Piasa Armory on the third Sunday of every month.

Thank you, Piasa Armory, for supporting the Madison County 4-H Shooting Sports!



*Thank
you!*



Save the Date

★ 22nd Annual ★

4-H DAY

with the

Cardinals

SATURDAY

MAY 24



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A Free
Virtual
Event
To help you improve
your show skills

February
8
2025

Register Here



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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 PRIOR to 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.



Mark Your Calendar for the Live Pig Sale

LIVE PIG SALE

Chasing the Dream & Banners

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

PREVIEW STARTS 11AM - AUCTION AT 1PM

Berkshire - Duroc - Hampshire - Hereford - Spot - Tamworth - Cross



KEITH IBERG @ IBERG SHOWPIGS 618-201-2745
LARRY HYBBERT @ CAGED TREE FARMS 618-925-3890
TY OLSON @ A&W GENECTICS 309-781-0823
KEITH HUTSON @ PATRICK'S HAMPS 217-473-1138

LUNCH PROVIDED
12862 IBERG RD
HIGHLAND, IL



MADISON COUNTY 4-H SHOWS 2025



- Public Speaking – **March 10 at 6 pm** Madison County Farm Bureau
- Mini Fair (dogs, cats, and small pets)– **June 21 Dog starts at 9 am, Cat starts at 10 am, and Small pets at 11 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Food Show – **June 24 at 6 pm** Madison County Farm Bureau
- Set Up- **July 16 at 6 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- General Show - **July 21 at 5:30 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Bottle Bucket/Calf - **July 22 at 9:30 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Dairy Show - **July 22 at 10 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Rabbit Show - **July 23 at 6 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Poultry Show - **July 24 at 9 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Super Showmanship - **July 24 at 4 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Goat Show - **July 24 to follow the Open Goat Show** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Swine Show - **July 25 at 8 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Beef Show - **July 25 at 12 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Sheep Show - **July 26 at 9:30 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Project Pick Up - **July 27 at 11 am** Madison County Fair Grounds

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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 highly 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.





March 10, 2025 at 6 pm at the Madison County Farm Bureau Auditorium

Madison & St. Clair 4-H Public Speaking Show

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Dessert Hop Fundraiser by Madison County Extension Education Foundation.

Tickets can be purchased at the participating businesses or at the website
<https://event.gives/dessert-hop-2025>

Join Us for a Sweet Adventure: Dessert Hop Fundraiser!

Prepare your tastebuds for a month-long adventure of delicious treats and community support! The Madison County Extension Education Foundation invites you to participate in our Dessert Hop Fundraiser from February 15 to March 16, 2025.

Here's how it works:

- 🌈 Explore Local Stops – Visit several participating locations featuring irresistible dessert samples.
- 🍪 Collect Stamps in Your Passport – Pick up a new stamp at each location along your journey as you enjoy the sweet treats.
- 🎰 Enter to Win – Once your passport is complete, mail it in to be entered into a raffle for exciting prizes!

Passports are just \$10.00, and all proceeds directly support impactful community programs, including 4-H, Illinois Nutrition Education, Master Gardeners, and Master Naturalists.

This fundraiser is the perfect way to indulge your sweet tooth while making a positive impact in Madison County. Proceeds will support programs that educate, inspire, and grow our community.

So, don't miss this chance to treat yourself and support a great cause! Mark your calendar, grab your passport, and let the Dessert Hop begin! 🍰🌈

Keep your ears open and your eyes peeled for upcoming fundraisers offered by the Madison County Extension Education Foundation (MCEEF). If you would like to help brainstorm and organize future fundraisers, please contact our MCEEF President Debra Stocker at dstocker@illinois.edu or the MCEEF Fundraiser Chair Megan Martinson at megan.biggs@yahoo.com.

Madison County Shooting Sports 4-H Clubs



Are you interested in joining a Madison County 4-H Shooting Sports Club? Below are our clubs that you can join. If you have any questions, contact Meghan Cope via email at mawolff@illinois.edu.

▼ 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)



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 are available in the
Edwardsville Office for \$15 per shirt!**

The office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm and closed for lunch 12 pm - 1 pm.

Tuesday and Friday!
By appointment only.

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



\$15 per shirt

There is a limited
amount of youth and
adult sizes.

Cash or Check ONLY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- March 10 - Public Speaking Contest

April

- April 14 - Spring Leaders Meeting 6 pm

May

- May 10 - Unit 4-H Horse Show

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

- July 16 - 4-H Set Up Night at Fairgrounds
- July 21 - General Project Show



What’s going on with Illinois 4-H?

Find out here:

<https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/42/1495356942.html>



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