

# 4-H FAMILY MADISON COUNTY JULY 2024 NEWS



Hello!

July is Madison County 4-H Fair month! Please make sure to read your showbook for dates, times, and guidelines for your projects. If you have any questions about guidelines or a project area, please do not hesitate and reach out. I am here to help!

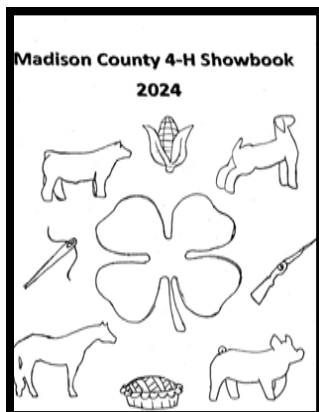
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## 2024 Madison County 4-H Show Book

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

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

\*The Madison County Fair Show book includes all general show projects and livestock classes.



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Calling all 4-H members who are signed up for Poultry to mark your calendar for the Poultry Blood Testing. All poultry that will be shown at the 4-H Show must have the blood testing done expect waterfowl.

For questions or concerns, please contact Meghan Cope via email at [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu).

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## 4-H Poultry Blood Testing

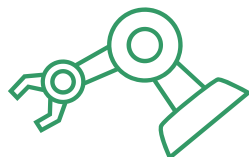
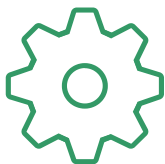
July 14 | 2 p.m. | Madison County Fairgrounds  
2025 Park Hill Dr, Highland, IL 62249

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## 4-H Club Watch Schedule for General Projects

Club	Date	Time
Extension	Monday, July 22	3 pm-8 pm
Good Producers	Tuesday, July 23	11 am-2 pm
Alhambra Morning Glories	Tuesday, July 23	2 pm-5 pm
Prairie Youth	Tuesday, July 23	5 pm-8 pm
Grant Prairie	Wednesday, July 24	11 am-2 pm
Grant Prairie	Wednesday, July 24	2 pm-5 pm
Marine Stars Jr. Ag	Wednesday, July 24	5 pm-8 pm
Brier Bank	Thursday, July 25	11 am-2 pm
Quercus Grove	Thursday, July 25	2 pm-5 pm
Fosterburg Ag	Thursday, July 25	5 pm-8 pm
Pin Oak Progressors	Friday, July 26	11 am-2 pm
Open Minds	Friday, July 26	2 pm-5 pm
New Douglas Cloverbuds	Friday, July 26	5 pm-8 pm
St. Jacobs	Saturday, July 27	11 am-2 pm
Cloverleaf Ag	Saturday, July 27	2 pm-5 pm
Willoughby Wanderers	Saturday, July 27	5 pm-8 pm
Extension	Sunday, July 28	



## ATTENTION ALL 4-H FAMILIES AND MEMBERS!!

If you have been chosen to be a State Fair Delegate for a 4-H project area, please contact Meghan Cope via email at [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu) or call 618-307-5428. She needs to know if you will be going to the State Fair or not with your project by **July 28th, 2024.**



# 4-H





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## 4-H ANIMAL WELFARE

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our practice of ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our commitment to safe food production practices. While showing livestock, we are under the watchful eye of the public. Many people attending a local fair may have no idea how livestock is raised. Practicing these guidelines may prevent public misconceptions about livestock production.

1. Provide fresh, clean water to animals at all times. Feed animals on schedule.
2. Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
3. Take extra care on days of extreme weather or activity.
4. Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
5. Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age long before the fair.
6. Arrange for veterinary care in case of an animal emergency.
7. Handle animals in a very humane way.
8. Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and feed additive withdrawal times.
9. Avoid stressing the animal.
10. Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
11. Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and never forcefully hit an animal.
12. Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations.
13. Have a plan of action should a problem arise, and know which fair official or 4-H leader to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
14. Some words, such as "slaughter" or "killed," may cause a negative reaction from people unfamiliar with food production. IF ASKED what happens to your market animal after the fair, consider using words such as "harvested" or "sold to packing company."
15. If questioned or challenged by a stranger or group:
  - a. Remain calm, be polite, and answer any question the best you can. If you do not know an answer, tell them you will find an adult to explain more.
  - b. Do not argue or confront an individual or group who may have a different view about livestock production. Individuals may try to initiate a confrontation and use video of the incident on social media. If confronted, walk away, find an adult in authority, or call 911 if you feel threatened.
  - c. It is natural to think that giving people information will change their minds, but in some extreme cases, people may not want to learn; they want to confront to gain media attention. It is best to walk away without engaging in these situations.

Following these recommendations will reflect a positive image of our livestock industry and the 4-H program, as well as demonstrate the solid animal stewardship practices that are our 4-H tradition.

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## Talking Points Best Practices:

- **Don't feel obligated to speak "on the record"** – it's fine to politely decline an interview or to decline to speak unofficially on a topic
- **Appoint a spokesperson for your county to handle the tougher questions** – The county superintendent of your species is a good point person for addressing tougher questions and topics. If any statements or questions make you feel uncomfortable, don't hesitate to ask an adult for help
- **Don't feel like you have to respond to unfamiliar facts or statistics** – if a fact or statistic comes up that you are not familiar with, it's perfectly fine to say, "That's not something I'm familiar with," or "I can't speak to that, but I can speak to xyz."

## Talking Points

### Why do youth show livestock at the fair?

Exhibiting livestock is a visual appraisal of the hard work, care, and dedication youth go through as part of the educational process of livestock projects. Showing livestock teaches youth the value of hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, communication skills, work ethic, and more.

### Don't you think it is unfair to keep your animal tied up/in pens/in stalls all day?

Animals are able to change positions and lie down throughout the day. Youth ensure their animals are comfortable by making sure they have access to food and water, clean bedding, and fans for air circulation.

### Isn't the extreme heat or high temperatures going to bother your animal?

Youth take extra precautions for their animals during extreme heat, much the same as people need to take extra precautions when the weather is very hot. Animals have fans and space to allow air movement, clean and dry bedding, and tarps and draping to protect from the sun. If needed, youth can take their animals out to the wash rack to rinse them down during the hottest part of the day. Often during extreme heat, youth will hand water animals vs. having water sit out. This ensures access to cooler, cleaner water and youth can monitor how much water the animals are actually getting to make sure they're staying hydrated.

### Why doesn't your animal have any food or water?

Youth carefully monitor animal rations – allowing for overfeeding can make the animals too warm. Hand watering the animals also allows youth to monitor how much water they are getting and provides cooler, cleaner water vs. water that sits out.

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# 4-H Shooting Sports

Benaiah Bremer, from the Staunton Road Rangers 4-H Shooting Sports Club in Madison County, had the privilege to attend the 4-H Nationals Shooting Sports Competition in Nebraska. Benaiah shot trap, skeet, and sporting clays for the competition. He did his personal best on sporting clays and skeet and would have loved to have done better on trap, but he got a 25/25 on one of his trap rounds. His scores counted toward the Illinois 4H team, but he shot with a squad of 4-H'ers from various states. He had a blast even though he and his squad did not get in the ribbons. While Benaiah was at the competition, he had a chance to trade pins with other 4-H'ers in different states.

Great Job Benaiah!



Sign up for the Skincare Workshops on ZSuites under the events tab!

# Skincare Workshops



**Come join us as we make skincare items using honey. Sign up for one or all three workshops.**

Location - Farm Bureau 900 Hillsboro Ave  
Edwardsville IL. 62025  
Time : 6 p.m. - 8p.m.  
There are 12 limited spots.

Workshops and dates are as follows:

- July 9 - Face Wash and Lip Balm
- August 20- Lotion
- September 11- Soap



**Cost - \$10 per session**  
**Ages: 5 to 18 years old**



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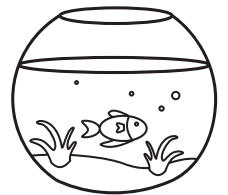
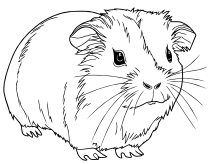
# Mini Fair

## 4-H Small Pets Show 2024

Grand Champion - Leah Blume

Reserve Champion - Cody Dorsey

Thank you to our show judge Dr. Lindsay Trickel



# Mini Fair

## 4-H Cat Show 2024

Grand Champion Junior Cat - August Ernst

Grand Champion Senior Cat - Cody Dorsey

Junior Showmanship - Addyson McKinney

Reserve Junior Showmanship- August Ernst

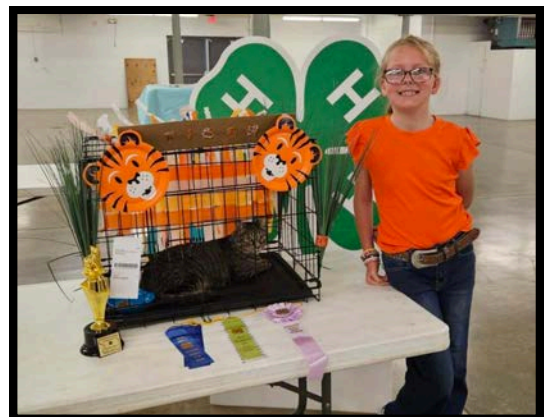
Senior Showmanship - Bailee Dorsey

Reserve Senior Showmanship - Cody Dorsey

Best Decorated Cat Cage for Junior - August Ernst

Best Decorated Cat Cage for Senior - Cody Dorsey

Thank you to our show judge, Amelia Brink!



# Mini Fair

## 4-H Dog Show 2024

Dog Obedience Beginner Novice 1 Grand Champion - Alivia Knebel  
Dog Obedience Beginner Novice 1 Reserve Grand Champion - Hannah Hobson  
Dog Obedience Beginner Novice 2 Grand Champion - Elsie Lively  
Dog Obedience Novice 1 Grand Champion - Zion Hobson  
Junior Showmanship - Elsie Lively  
Reserve Junior Showmanship - Makenna Day  
Senior Showmanship - Alivia Knebel  
Rally Novice Grand Champion - Elsie Lively  
Rally Novice Reserve Grand Champion - Zion Hobson  
Best Costume - Zion Hobson  
Reserve Best Costume - Hannah Hobson  
Dog Care Grand Champion - Makenna Day  
Reserve Dog Care Grand Champion - Hannah Hobson  
Best Trick - Hannah Hobson  
Reserve Best Trick - Elsie Lively  
Thank you to our show judge, Alex!

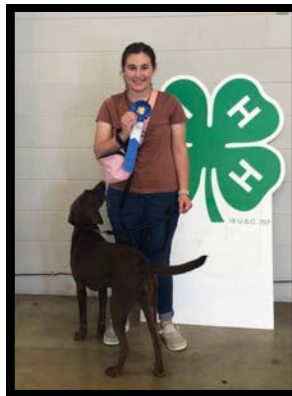
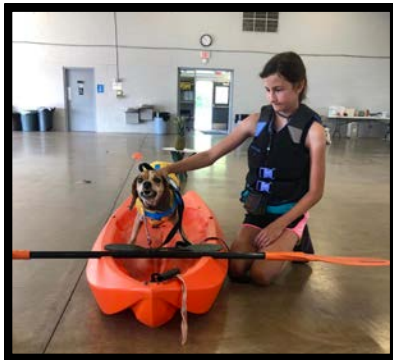




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## 4-H Dog Show 2024



# Food Show

## 4-H Food Show

- Cooking 101 State Fair Delegate - Oliver Reding  
 Cooking 101 State Fair Alternate - Miles Ivery  
 Cooking 201 State Fair Delegate - Eve Sexton  
 Cooking 201 State Fair Alternate - Jack Schwent  
 Cooking 301 State Fair Delegate - Morgan Dressler  
 Cooking 301 State Fair Alternate - Brookly Burcham  
 Cooking 401 State Fair Delegate - Alethea Ball  
 Cooking 401 State Fair Alternate - Alyssa Elliott  
 Food Science State Fair Delegate - Paige Hess  
 Food Science State Fair Alternate - Anna Rutherford  
 Food Decorating State Fair Delegate - Karlie Knoebel  
 Food Decorating State Fair Delegate - Alanna Bourgeois  
 Food Decorating State Fair Alternate - Aubrey McKinney



# Food Show



Time  
TO  
BAKE



# Food Drive

Thank you to all our clubs and 4-H members who donated items in the 4-H Food Drive. We had a total of 184 items donated!

The club that donated the most items was Fosterburg Ag! They will be getting an ice cream sundae bar at their next meeting.



# DOWNLOAD THE ILLINOIS 4-H STATE FAIR APP!



Stay in the know with everything you need to know!



## READY TO DOWNLOAD?

Open up your camera app and scan the QR code. You can also head to [go.illinois.edu/4HFair](http://go.illinois.edu/4HFair) for clickable links to download the app from the website, through iOS iTunes download or through Google Play for Android.

**FOR A STEP BY STEP OF WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU SCAN**





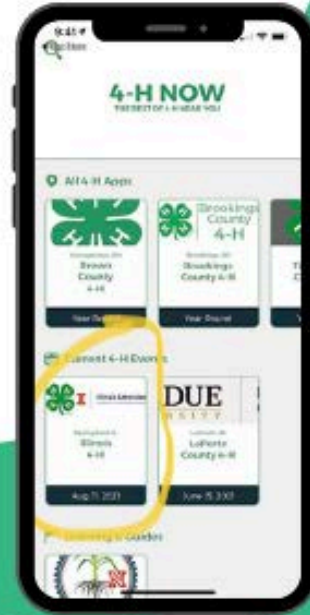
**1 CHOOSE YOUR PHONE TYPE**  
After the QR code opens, choose your download type.



**2 OPEN THE APP**  
The app is called "4-H Now," and the icon looks like what's below



**3 OPEN THE STATE FAIR EVENT**  
After you open the app, you'll see this screen, just choose the event highlighted below.



If you don't see the event on the home screen, just search "Illinois 4-H" in the search bar on the top left of the screen.

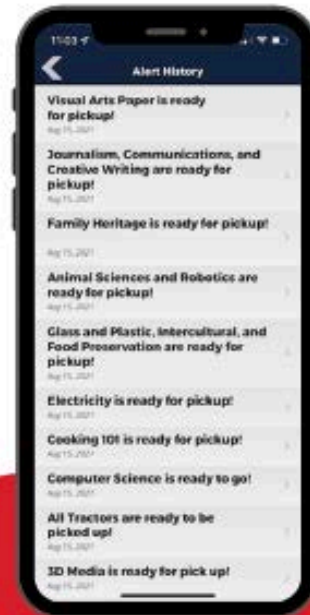
**4 ALLOW NOTIFICATIONS**  
Please choose to allow notifications, so you can get push notifications about any updates or alerts throughout the event.



**5 CHOOSE YOUR ALERTS**  
Scroll to "Alert Management" from the main screen of the app. Toggle "on" the days you would like to receive alerts.



**6 USING THE APP**  
Notifications during the event will push to your phone, so if you're actively using it, you'll see a pop-up on your screen, but it may also go to your notifications center.



You can always check past alerts in the app by going to the main menu in the app and alert history

## RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2024 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 Record Books

The PDF versions of the books are found here: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock\\_record\\_writable.pdf](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock_record_writable.pdf)

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](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 for evaluation.

## ILLINOIS STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

The Illinois State Fair Livestock Premium Book is available online:  
<https://statefair.illinois.gov/competitions/competitive-events/livestock-events.html>  
This website will provide you with all the information you need, including health requirements, passes, etc.

Entries can now be done online: <https://statefair.illinois.gov/competitions/competitive-events.html>  
Although State Fair shows are Junior and Open shows (not 4-H), they still require verification from Extension staff that you are an active 4-H member.

NEW this year! All **beef** and **swine** exhibitors at the State Fair will be required to have an **Electronic ID**. These can currently be obtained from your Veterinarian. Please be sure to allow ample time to get these before the state shows. (Note: this may be required at the county level next year).





# Southern Region 4-H Showcase

at DuQuoin State Fair

## General Projects Show

**Saturday, Aug 17**  
(Maximum of 3 entries per participant)

## Livestock Shows.

(Maximum of 1 livestock animal per class.)

**Friday, Aug 23**  
Goat and Sheep Shows, Swine Weigh-in

**Saturday, Aug 24**  
Beef, Dairy, and Swine Shows



At University of Illinois Extension, we believe in giving our youth the opportunity to show off their skills and knowledge. We are partnering with DuQuoin State Fair to give the 4-H youth of Illinois another opportunity to show their skills and knowledge. At the 2024 DuQuoin State Fair, Illinois Extension will sponsor a General Projects Show and Livestock Show.

In order to participate, you must be a 4-H member in one the following counties:

Alexander, Bond, Champaign, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Iroquois, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Macon, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Shelby, St. Clair, Union, Vermillion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, Williamson

**There will be no premiums paid for projects or livestock entries.**

No general project fee

\$5 stalling fee per livestock entry

A \$10 parking fee is due at the gate on Saturday, August 24.

Disclaimer - Extension staff reserves the right to combine or split classes based on the number of entries and space in the show arena. Please look for and expect class revisions from Extension Staff to be posted/announced in advance of the show.

**Registration deadline is August 1.**

**For more information or to register, go to [go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowcase](http://go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowcase) or scan the QR code.**



Check out the Showbook at  
[go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowbook](http://go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowbook)



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July 2024

- July 17 Fair Set Up at 6 pm
- July 22 -General Show at 5:30 pm Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 23 - Bottle Bucket/Calf at 9 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 23 - Dairy Show at 10 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 24 - Rabbit Show at 6 pm Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 24 - Fashion Review at 6 pm Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 25 - Poultry Show at 9 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 25 - Master Showmanship at 4 pm Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 25 - Goat Show at 7 pm Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 26 - Swine Show at 8 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 26 - Beef Show at 10 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 27 - Sheep Show at 9 am Madison County Fair Grounds
- July 28 - Project Pick Up at 11 am Madison County Fair Grounds

### August 2024

- August 11 - State Fair Day for Madison County



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