



# 4-H FAMILY

## MADISON COUNTY

### MARCH 2025 NEWS

Hello 4-H Families,

Hello 4-H Families, Spring is just around the corner! Check out all the upcoming events and information below. Feel free to contact the 4-H Staff with any 4-H questions or concerns.

I, Meghan Cope, would like to inform all 4-H members, families, and supporters that I will be starting my maternity leave at the end of March. I expect to be out for approximately 12 to 14 weeks. If you have any questions during my absence, please reach out via our unit email at [uie-mms@illinois.edu](mailto:uie-mms@illinois.edu). Thank you, Meghan Cope | 4-H Program Coordinator Serving Madison and St. Clair Counties | [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)

Thank you,  
Meghan Cope | 4-H Program  
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Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
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## LESTER & LUCILLE KORSMEYER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2025

### Requirements:

- A high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years
  - A permanent resident of Madison, St. Clair or Monroe County
  - The applicant will be chosen based on several criteria, including a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, a history of 4-H involvement, and other school and community activities.
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- The application is available at: <https://go.illinois.edu/Korsmeyer>
  - Reference Form: <https://go.illinois.edu/KorsmeyerReference>

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## 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>



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## ILLINOIS HORSE JUDGING CONTEST



Youth across Illinois demonstrated their equine knowledge at the Illinois 4-H State Horse Judging Contest on February 2 in Galva, Illinois. Participants evaluated six classes of horses, including at least two halter classes, with youth 14 years and older also competing in the Reasons division, where they provided oral justifications for their placements.

One of our Madison County members, Nora, who is also on the Monroe County Hoofbeats Competition Team, attended this contest: Caroline Cox, Nora Moore, Maya Woodard, and Sydney Woodard, with Sydney placing ninth in the Reasons Division. Next up for the Team is the Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest on April 5 at SIU-C.





# Madison County 4-H Teens as Teachers Meeting



Tuesday, March 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>



**LAST CHANCE**  
for new Members  
to join!



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**APRIL 12TH, 2025**  
**MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
**4177 IL-156, WATERLOO, IL, 62298**

**ENTRY INFO**  
**\$15 PER HEAD**  
**\$25 LATE ENTRY FEE**  
**NO SHOWMANSHIP FEE**



***Open to all juniors 21 and under***  
***Market and breeding classes available***  
***Entry on Showman app opens 1/1***  
***Payouts determined by entries***  
***Papers required for breed classes***  
***See Facebook page for rules and more info***

**Contact**

*Erin Halleran    Garrett Brandt*  
*618-570-5514    618-340-2826*



# 39th Annual Southern Illinois SHEEP & CRAFT FESTIVAL

NEW FOR 2025! OFFERING 2 CLASSES: BASKET WEAVING & A YARN CLASS  
SIGN-UP ONLINE @ MCSHEEPPRODUCERS.COM

SATURDAY APRIL 12 2025

@ MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
Waterloo, IL

## SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:

- » **KIDS CORNER / GAMES & ACTIVITIES**  
Hosted by: *Monroe County 4-H Federation*
- » **BALLOON ARTIST** • 11am-1pm
- » **JUDGING CONTEST BEGINS** • 9:00am  
open to all youth ages 8-19  
*\*Please sign-up prior to contest*
- » **WOOL-PULL Pedal Pull**  
Hosted by: *Monroe County FB Young Leaders*  
Registration/Kids Corner @ 10:30am  
Pull starts @ 11:30am in exhibit (main) building  
{Contestant weight limit~35-120lbs.}
- » **SHEARING DEMOS** • 10am - 2pm • hourly
- » **WORKING SHEEP DOGS** • 11am, 12:30 & 2pm  
Exhibition by *Mary Mackenzie & Robin Reasoner*  
{dogs on grounds approx. 10am to 3pm}
- » **LUNCH** • 11am - 1:30pm  
**CARRYOUT** with Dine-in areas available  
Sampler plate featuring locally grown Lamb -  
**1 Chop + Brat + Shaved Leg + Burger w/2 sides**



## MoCo Spring Showcase:

- Jackpot-style show after Judging Contest
- More info on Facebook: MoCo Spring Showcase or Erin 618-570-5514 or Garrett 618-340-2826

## ALL DAY DISPLAYS:

- Spinning, Knitting & Weaving Demos
- Sheep Breeds

### Local Lamb Cuts available to purchase:

- Vacuum sealed for your freezer & available to purchase on the day of the event

### ADVANCE ORDERS TAKEN W/PICK-UP DAY OF:

- Contact Tricia Lutman at 618-830-2183 or email: [info@mcsheepproducers.com](mailto:info@mcsheepproducers.com)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Richard Woodcock	618-920-1833	Jonathan Koch	618-521-1604
Craig Hick	618-779-3213	Amy Halleran	618-530-5373
Ray Henerfauth	618-581-2183	Gary Brandt	618-920-5924

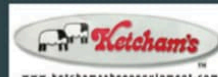
EVENT HOSTED BY:

**MONROE COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS**

SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT:



LOCAL SPONSORS:



★ 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](mailto:shaferr@missouri.edu)

**PARADE/RAFFLE QUESTIONS:** Contact Tanner Adkins at [tadkins@missouri.edu](mailto:tadkins@missouri.edu)



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## Save the Date - Madison County Extension

### Foundation Events

- Plant Bingo - April 27th
- Rock Quest (Follow the clues, find the rocks and enter to win fun prizes) - June 1st-30th
- Taste of Madison County - September 7th

For more information, please follow us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/MCEEF>



## 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](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.





# 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](http://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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# 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.



# 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 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](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.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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