

4-H FAMILY

MADISON COUNTY

OCTOBER 2024

NEWS



Hello 4-H Families,

It's starting to feel like fall! At the beginning of October, we also celebrate National 4-H Week. Please help us show your 4-H pride by participating in the 4-H activities all week from October 6-12!

Remember to mark your calendars for the many opportunities approaching in the next few months.

Enjoy this beautiful weather, and stay safe!

Thank you,

Meghan Cope | 4-H Program Coordinator
Serving Madison and St. Clair Counties |
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Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Closed Noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

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National 4-H Week

Join us in celebrating National 4-H Week Oct. 6-12th.

- Project Service Sunday – Post a picture or tell us your favorite community service activity
- Member Monday- Post a picture of yourself in a 4-H shirt and tell us why you love 4-H!
- Time Machine Tuesday -Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career vs. now.
- Why 4-H Wednesday – Share why someone should join 4-H in person or on social media/stories.
- Thankful Thursday – Thank someone who supported you in 4-H! It could be a parent, a guardian, a leader, or a friend.
- Favorite Project Friday – Share a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project
- Spirit Saturday – Show your 4-H spirit! Wear your favorite 4-H shirt.

**NATIONAL
4-H SPIRIT WEEK**

SUNDAY	Service Project Sunday
MONDAY	Member Monday
TUESDAY	Time Machine Tuesday
WEDNESDAY	Why 4-H Wednesday
THURSDAY	Thankful Thursday
FRIDAY	Favorite Project Friday
SATURDAY	Spirit Saturday

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2024-2025 4-H HANDBOOK

Here is this year's 4-H handbook for all 4-H members and families.

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

The handbook goes over what 4-H is, the policies, what clubs do, the event calendar, and so much more. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Cope via email at mawolff@illinois.edu

2024-2025 4-H MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

Youth who are **five through seven years of age, on or before September 1** of the current 4-H year, may enroll in 4-H Cloverbud groups.

Youth who are **eight years of age and have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1** may enroll in 4-H clubs.

A youth who enrolls in a Madison County 4-H club must:

- **Attend at least four meetings** to be called a 4-H member. Youth who do not comply are not eligible to participate in 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums, or other 4-H awards and recognitions available to 4-H members. **(College students can be enrolled when they live away from home and must attend at least one meeting when they are home on breaks or virtually.)**
- **Present a talk or demonstration at a club meeting during the project year.**
- **Youth enrolled in a livestock market class must turn in a livestock record book by September 15. If not completed by September 15, the youth will not be able to participate in a livestock market class the following year.**
- Complete enrollment by **January 15 to exhibit projects at 4-H shows.** Youth may enroll after this date but are not eligible to exhibit projects at shows. Projects can be added up to this deadline, but the addition of projects is not accepted online after this date (except for SPIN Clubs).



4-H Enrollment Information

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 4-H year will open on October 8th!

We will again be using the Z-Suite platform to collect enrollment information.

New members, please use the instructions below to create a household account for your family and enroll youth members. Returning members, please use the same login information as last year. Adults who are screened volunteers must enroll in Z-Suites, too. If you have any questions, please email Meghan at mawolff@illinois.edu or call 618-344-4230.

There is a \$20 fee for all youth enrolled in the Illinois 4-H program. Enrollment fees will be sponsored by **Madison County Farm Bureau** - 900 Hillsboro Ave. Edwardsville, IL, and **Southwestern Electric Cooperative** - 525 US Route 40 Greenville, IL 62246 (Attn: Susan File, VP of Member Services). 4-H Clubs and Families are encouraged to send a **THANK YOU** note to both sponsors for their generosity. There is a \$10 out-of-county fee for members who do not live in Madison County.

Z-Suites

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

Instructions to enroll:

New Members: <https://go.illinois.edu/MadisonCountyZSuiteQuickStartGuide>

Returning Members: <https://go.illinois.edu/MadisonCountyZSuiteReenrollmentInstructions>

Leaders: <https://go.illinois.edu/MadisonCountyZSuiteClubLeaderManagementGuide>

Please mark all the projects they are interested in on the youth's account. When Fair Entry comes out in April/May, that is when they will commit to what project from Z-Suites they plan to show at the 2025 fair.

The deadline to enroll to be able to show during the 2025 fair season is **January 15, 2025**. If they are not enrolled by January 15, youth will not be able to show any projects for the 2025 fair season. 4-H members still can sign up to participate in 4-H after the deadline but are not allowed to show up in the 2025 fair season.



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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**Congratulations to the following winners for
winning the Certificate of Excellence:**

- **Emma Maag** from St. Jacob 4-H Club for winning the Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Performance in Entomology!

Presented by District V - Garden Clubs of Illinois



- **Emmett Ripperda** from Alhambra Morning Glories 4-H Club for winning the Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Performance in Food and Nutrition!

Presented by Lakeview Garden Club



- **Katherine Ostron** from Quercus Grove 4-H Club for winning the Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Performance in Floriculture!

Presented by Lakeview Garden Club



**Thank you to District V - Garden Clubs of Illinois
and Lakeview Garden Club for granting these
awards to Madison County 4-H members.**





FALL INTO COOKING

with



Our 4-H team is partnering with our Nutrition and Wellness Educator to provide a cooking class this fall for any youth ages 9-13.



Wednesday, November 6

6:00-7:30 p.m.



Madison County Farm Bureau

900 Hillsboro Ave.

Edwardsville, IL

REGISTER NOW



<https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/32722>

or call (618)-344-4230

Cost is \$5

Class limited to 16

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2024 Shotgun State Shoot

Great job to our Madison County Staunton Road Rangers 4-H members Benaiah Bremer, Ethan Dissett, Ryan Dissett, Ethan McDowell, Joseph Paul, and Luke Schoen on participating in the State Shotgun Competition. The group received 4th place overall, and Benaiah Bremer received 3rd place individually. Congratulations!





FUN, GAMES, & LUNCH INCLUDED

Information we will cover:

- Officer Roles
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Generating Ideas & Agenda Building
- Officer Roles
- Team Building
- Activities & Club Goals



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4-H Officer Training

Monday, November 11, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Edwardsville Office

900 Hillsboro Ave.
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Learn YOUR role as a 4-H Officer and help make the best better! The University of Illinois Extension Office invites all club 4-H Officers to attend this training where you will strengthen your leadership skills.



Register TODAY at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HOfficerTraining-Edwardsville>



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We have Madison County 4-H shirts 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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PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Check it out. Create your own painted pumpkin! Pumpkins can be painted and decorated. The 4-H member MUST decorate the pumpkin. Submit your photo of the completed pumpkin to 4-H Coordinator Meghan Cope via email at mawolff@illinois.edu by November 1. Winners will be chosen from a 4-H member category & a Cloverbud category; please note the member's name and which category the entry is for when emailing your photo. Winners will be announced in the 4-H newsletter & on Facebook. Open to Madison and St. Clair 4-H members.



Submit a photo by November 1

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

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Club Spotlight

Pin Oak 4-Hers spent time at the Liberty Apple Orchard picking up apples from the ground to clean up the orchard. The apples were donated to clubs and local farms for their animals.

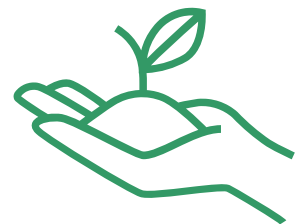


Club Spotlight

Quercus Grove received a \$500 grant from Farm Credit. The youth helped in the St John's Community Mission Garden this summer.



**KEEP
IT
UP!**



THANK YOU!!!

The Madison County Extension Education Foundation would like to THANK YOU sincerely! To the 4-H Clubs who donated baskets to our raffle at the Madison County Fair in July! We raised over \$1300 to help support Extension programming, including 4-H, in Madison County. We received LOTS of compliments on the variety and composition of the baskets – Great Job!

Alhambra Morning Glories

Brier Bank

Fosterburg Ag

Good Producers

Grant Prairie

Open Minds

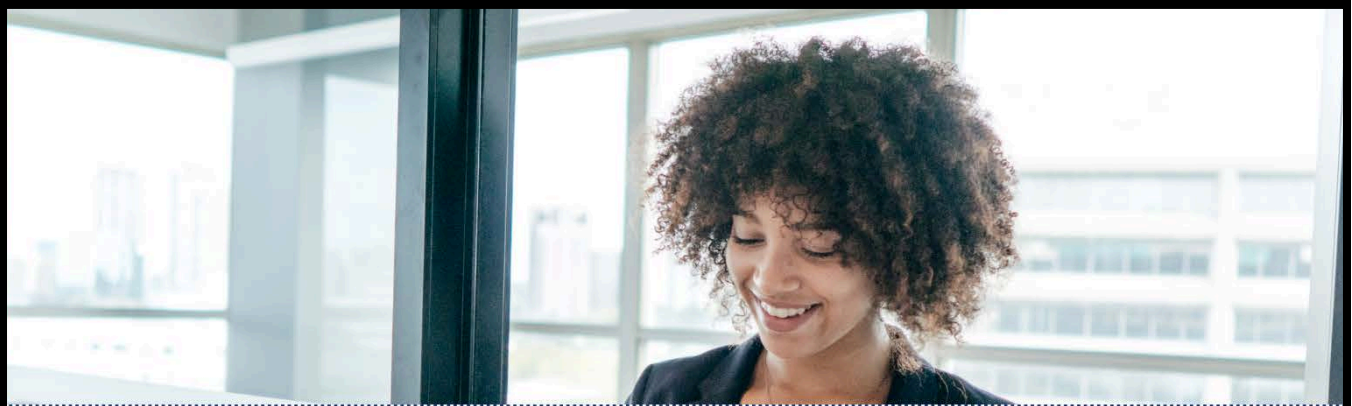
Pin Oak Progressors

Prairie Youth & Cloverbuds

Quercus Grove

Willoughby Wanderers





APPLY NOW BY OCT 14

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

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- Tuition waiver
- Professional Development

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hr.uillinois.edu/benefits

Questions? Questions?
Contact William Catalano
at wsc@illinois.edu or
618-875-8939.



POSITION DETAILS

- The Office Support Assistant is to work under direct supervision of the County Director to support the needs of the Extension office.
- High school diploma or equivalent.
- College coursework in any curriculum as measured by the following conversion table or its proportional equivalent:
 - 30 semester hours equals one (1) year (12 months)
 - Associate's Degree (60 semester hours) equals eighteen months (18 months)
- Work experience performing office/clerical activities, including the use of computer systems.



