4-H FAMILY MONROE COUNTY



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PLEASE JOIN US!

Open House



3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

We are honored to host you as our guest at our open house. It will be a chance to meet our new County Director, William Catalano. We hope that you will decide to join us!

> MONROE COUNTY ANNEX 901 ILLINOIS AVE WATERLOO, IL 62298



OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL GARDEN CLEAN-UP DAY AT BAEBLER EDUCATIONAL FARM (4022 JJ RD. WATERLOO)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 9:00-11:00 A.M.

Open to all 4-H Clubs including members, parents, siblings & leaders or anyone that wants to help!

Bring gloves, pruners and rakes. Call 618-939-3434 with questions.

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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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4-H Program Coordinator *Kelly Brandt*

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CROCHET CLASS

Youth participants worked one-on-one with volunteers to learn the basics of crocheting at the recent Crochet Class. Volunteers also showed youth all of the different items that they have created, forging new friendships among the youth.





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LIVESTOCK JUDGING OPPORTUNITY

4-H members are invited to a Livestock Judging Contest & Clinic on March 9 at the Monroe

County Fairgrounds, hosted by Waterloo FFA. The livestock judging clinic begins at 8:00 a.m. for junior members and a reasons clinic for high school members. Junior members are defined as anyone in 8th grade or younger and seniors in high school.

Registration/check-in will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the contest starting at 10:00 a.m. After the contest, there will be a brief break for lunch, and officials and placings will be given at 1:30 p.m.

Register your team before March 4: https://forms.gle/jqvyzjLxZmYBbvtX7 Teams will be five members, with the top 3 scores counting. The cost is \$5/participant, and you may pay cash or bring a check to Waterloo FFA. If you have any questions, please email chenry@wcusd5.net.



2nd Annual Waterloo FFA Livestock

Judging Contest and Clinic

March 9th, 2024

Monroe County Fairgrounds 4117 IL156, Waterloo, IL 62298 Clinics will begin at <u>8:00 am</u> and registration will begin at

9:00 am

Contest Start at 10:00 am

Pre Registration is REQUIRED

Registration will close March 4th, changes are able to be made the morning of the contest. Use the form below to submit teams or individuals

https://forms.gle/jqvyzjLxZmYBbvtX7

Teams will consist of 5 members with top 3 scores counting Coaches may enter as many teams as they wish.

Divisions

-Senior Questions (9th grade and up) -Junior (8th grade and younger) -Cost is \$5/participant <u>Clinics</u>

-Junior members will be able to attend a judging clinic hosted by a local judge -Senior members will have a clinic available for learning reasons and note taking, hosted by a current judge.

Classes

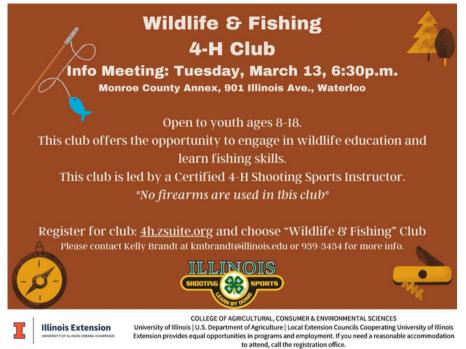
-8 placing classes: Sheep, Goats, Swine, and Beef
-Classes will be either market or breeding
-2 classes with questions for senior members
-Performance data and/or EPDs may be used

Questions? Email Colton Henry chenry@wcusd5.net



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WILDLIFE & FISHING CLUB





4-H Shooting Sports Field Day Trainings 9am-5pm, 2/24/24 in Kane Co. (north-east IL) 9am-5pm, 5/11/24 in Piatt Co. (central IL) 9am-Spm, 7/27/24 in Franklin Co.

A 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer is...

· 21 years of age or older · Interested in youth and their

development · Interested in some phase of

shooting and outdoor recreation · Willing to learn how to teach

shooting safely and effectively · Willing to be open, helpful, and

supportive



Choose your discipline of interest

Shotgun; Rifle; Archery; Pistol; Hunting & Wildlife; and Coordinators Needed:

Each county must be covered by a coordinator (2/Unit min.). Extension may serve with County Director app

Adult leaders must attend this field day nucle requests must altern this react day rearining and complete an on-line module; plus pass background checks before becoming qualified to directly conduct 4H activities with youth.

ooting ability is not essential but aching skills are. Training is provided by tionally-certified volunteers. Your local inversity of Illinois Extension Office is lling and ready to help you in your local





Illinois 4-H AIMING TO GROW GREAT KIDS!

\$50 Fee (usually covered by your local Uofl County Extension Office) covers all equipment, supplies, and training.

Ouestions? Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu or 217-742-9572.



LEARN MORE @ https://go.illinois.edu/4Hshootingsports All registration must be handled by the County Extension office.

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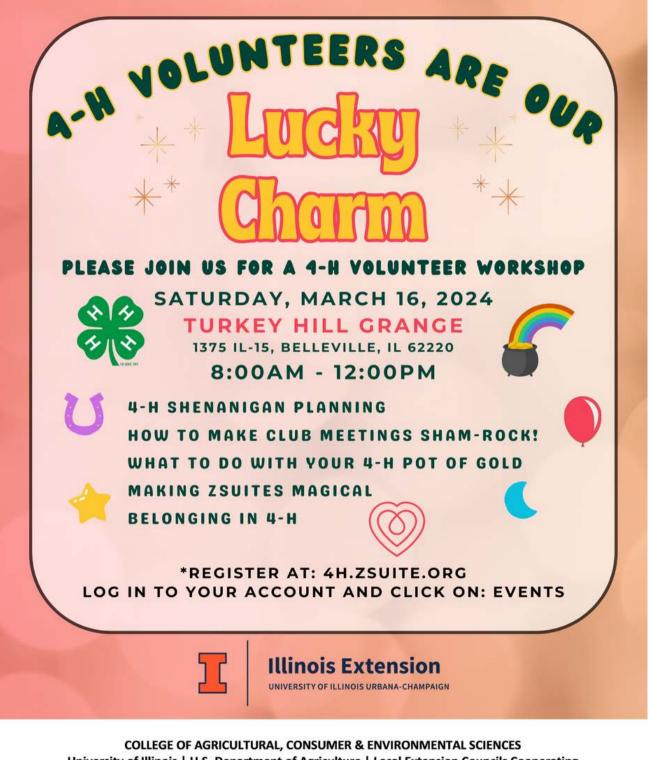
4-H ARCHERY & PISTOL INSTRUCTORS **NEEDED!**

We are still in need of additional 4-H Archery & Pistol Instructors in Monroe County! There are several upcoming trainings, including a local one near Rend Lake. Please contact Kelly Brandt, 4-H Program Coordinator at kmbrandt@illinois.edu or 618-939-3434 for more information.



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

REGISTER BY MARCH 8: ZSUITE.ORG



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YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) TRAINING

VETERINARY INSTRUCTOR-LED TRAININGS:

MARCH 25

6:30 P.M. MONROE COUNTY ANNEX

OR

APRIL 15

6:30 P.M. MONROE COUNTY ANNEX

BOTH SESSIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A <u>LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOK HELP</u> <u>SESSION</u> FOR ANYONE INTERESTED

*IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THESE SESSIONS, YOU MAY TAKE THE WEB-BASED TRAINING: <u>YQCAPROGRAM.ORG</u>

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



Please register by MARCH 22

https://yqcaprogram.org

<u>NEW members:</u> 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 <u>each child</u> participating in the YQCA training.

Next, click on your user name in the blue box in the upper right hand corner.

<u>RETURNING members:</u> 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 Monroe County Fair per USDA requirements. Please call the Extension office at 618-939-3434 with any

questions.

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Learn about Leather Crafting!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ART OF LEATHER CRAFTING? JOIN US:

APRIL 3 , 7:00P.M.

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*OPEN TO BOTH YOUTH AND ADULTS! REGISTER:

https://go.illinois.edu/LeatherCrafting

Local leather crafter, Dan DeWilde will talk about the history of leather crafting, items you can make, types of leather, and more.

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4-H Teens as Teachers Training

at 5:30 p.m. in the Monroe County Annex Building

Wednesday, March 20 Wednesday, April 17 Wednesday, May 17

What is Teens as Teachers?

- University of Illinois Extension 4-H Program and the Monroe County Ag in the Classroom 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.



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MONROE CO. EXTENSION & 4-H EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2024

Applicants must be seniors in high school who have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1, 2023, and must have been enrolled and active in a 4-H club program for at least four consecutive years. The applicant must be a resident of Monroe County and or reside in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, or Red Bud School districts.

4-H members can only receive the Scholarship once. Applicants must be accepted into or be attending a post-high school education program. The application is available at:

https://go.illinois.edu/MoCoFoundationScholarship

LESTER & LUCILLE KORSMEYER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2024

Requirements:

• A high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four vears

• 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, history of 4-H involvement and other school and community activities.

The application is available at:

https://go.illinois.edu/Korsmeyer

GROWMARK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2024

The GROWMARK Foundation will provide a total of (55) \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing agriculture and business-related degrees or certificates at colleges, universities, and technical schools in the United States and Ontario,

Canada.

At the time of their application students must be:

High School Senior OR Continuing Student

Enrolled in a university, community college, or technical school for fall 2024 in United States or Ontario, Canada

Pursuing an agriculture or business-related degree/certificate.

https://jobs.growmark.com/content/Scholarships/?locale=en_US



SHEEP & GOAT JUDGING CONTEST OPEN TO 4-H MEMBERS AT 9:00A.M.



MONROE COUNTY 4-H'ERS START NEW LOCAL SHEEP SHOW

For more info, visit "MoCo Spring Showcase" on Facebook.



LAMB & GOAT CAMP SCHEDULED IN MONROE COUNTY



 Champion Choice Camps is hosting a lamb/goat camp on April 27 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds for youth ages 5-21.
 This one-day camp is for youth interested in learning more about handling, nutrition, health, exercise, fitting, showmanship, and marketing of lambs AND goats.

The camp is designed for ALL skill levels, not just beginners. **The fee is currently discounted to \$175 from \$250 and includes lunch and drinks.**

> Participants can bring their animals. For more information or to register, visit: <u>https://www.championschoicecamps.com/</u>

2024 Registration Open!

For 2024 Camps, registration with payment is available online only. Once registration and payment have been processed, you will automatically receive a confirmation email receipt. If you do not receive the email receipt, your registration and payment have not been received by Champions Choice Camps. Additional camp details will be emailed within 6 weeks of the respective camp. Should you have questions or need assistance, please reach out to us through our Contact Page or email us at ChampionsChoiceCamps@gmail.com.

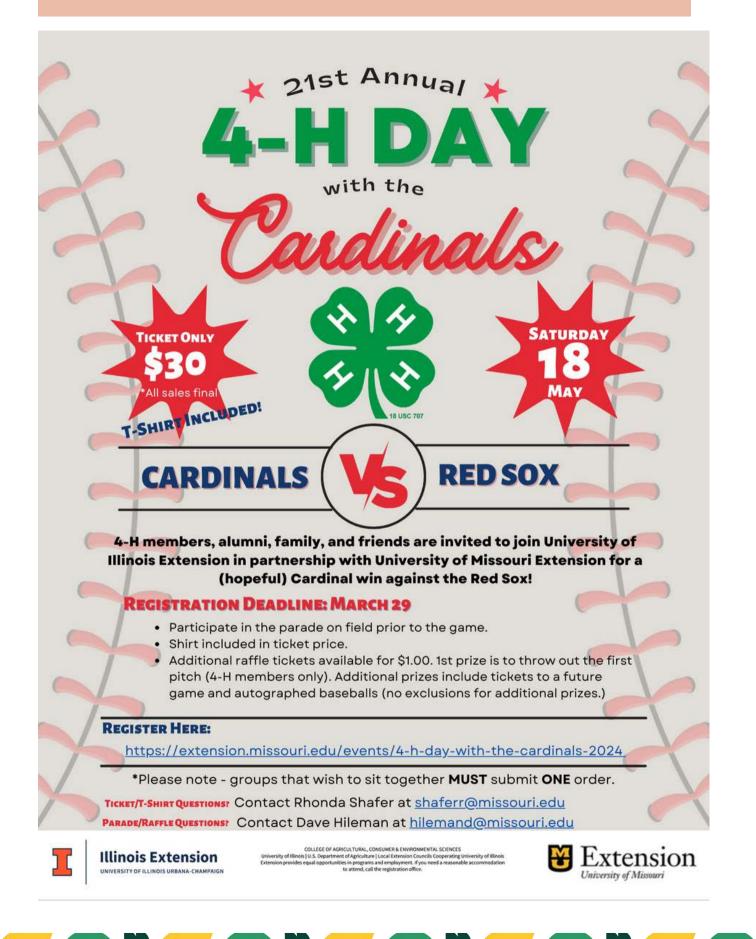
Participant: Youth age 5-21 actively participating at camp. Fee includes lunch and drinks.

Adult Meal Ticket: Parent/Grand Parent/4-H Advisor/Project Helper etc. attending camp with participant to cover the cost of Lunch/Drinks. All 2024 Camps are SINGLE DAY CAMPS.

Camp Participants bring their own animals unless ownership or health issues.







Gardenbuds

Ages 5-7* *Must have completed Kindergarten

Participants will learn how to grow vegetables and flowers, cook with produce, explore pollination & insects, weather, plant parts, the plant life cycle, and more!

MEETING DATES:

- MAY 21, 9:00-11:30A.M.
- JUNE 18, 9:00-11:30A.M.
- JULY 16, 9:00-11:30A.M.
- AUGUST 20, 6:00-7:30P.M.
- SEPTEMBER 17, 6:00-7:30P.M.
- OCTOBER 15, 6:00-7:30P.M.

Register: <u>www.zsuite.org</u> Choose "Gardenbuds" club \$30 fee includes supplies and snacks for 6 sessions. <u>*Limited to 10 participants</u> Call 618-939-3434 for more info.

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HORSE & SMALL ANIMAL SHOW REQUIREMENTS

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

Taking QAEC training is mandatory for all *horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animal* projects.

All county and state exhibitors must complete QAEC via this site <u>once</u> during their showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

*Watch for new online training coming soon.



LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

Record Books should be shown and signed by your leader at your May, June, or July club meeting before the fair. (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)
 *NEW: Members must complete a livestock record book in 2023 to be eligible to sell in 2024, except for new members or members not previously in that project.

The PDF versions of the books are found here: <u>https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord</u>

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:

<u>https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide</u> to help you through the process of filling the book out.

Books are due to the Extension office by September 15 for evaluation.

4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

Remember that to show projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least <u>four meetings</u> during the 4-H year.
- Give a talk or demonstration at a 4-H club meeting.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2024.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June, or July Club meeting prior to the county fair AND complete their book by September 15.



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4-H FAMILY HANDBOOK

Need to know more about...

- Project selection
- 4-H Shows
- Member expectations
- Livestock requirements
- Where to go for questions



Check out the Monroe County 4-H Handbook: https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeFamilyHandbook

RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2024 Award Applications are posted to our website: https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp

You can also 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 AUCTION

To participate in the youth livestock auction, sponsored by the Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation, youth must meet the following requirements:

- Be a 4-H or FFA member age 8-19 on or before September 1 of the previous year.
- Be a Monroe County resident and/or reside within the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, or Red Bud school districts.
- Be a Monroe County 4-H club and/or FFA Chapter member in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, or Red Bud school districts.
- Attend at least four meetings during the 4-H year.
- Give a talk or demonstration.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2024.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June, or July Club meeting prior to the county fair.
- Members must complete a livestock record book for the previous year, with the exception of new members.
- Exhibitors may sell TWO of any species, beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, poultry, or dairy basket.
- Dairy cattle and dairy goat exhibitors showing two or more dairy animals are eligible to auction a dairy basket of products or certificates with a minimum value of \$50.
- If a 4-H or FFA member receives Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion in any specie area, they will have the opportunity to sell the Grand or Reserve Champion regardless of the number of other species they plan to sell, as long as all of the additional sale requirements are met.

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Age Groups 13 years of age and younger 14 - 25 years of age 26 - 64 years of age Senior - 65 years of age and older

Submissions

Photos sizes for digital or print copies:

8.5 x 11inch OR 8 x 10 inch

Fill out the official entry form available on the MCAA

website or the MCAA Facebook page.

Every photo will need a completed entry form.

Place printed photo and entry form in a large manila

envelope and drop off at one of these sites:

First National Bank of Waterloo, North Branch.

Attention Russ Thomas First National Bank of Waterloo, Columbia.

Attention Russ Thomas State Bank of Waterloo, Valmeyer. Attention

Rhonda Sondag

Digital entries photos should be emailed to

MCAAphotocontest@gmail.com. (file size limit - 33MB)

Digital entries will also need to have an entry form

submitted per photo. Allowable digital enhancements include: cropping,

minor burning, dodging and/or color corrections.

You will receive an email confirmation on your

submission within one week of sending in your

entry.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, please call Patti at 618.660.4255.

Monroe County Arts Alliance Photography Contest - 2024

The MCAA was established in 2015 and is committed to promoting the arts in Monroe County. This photo contest is a new venture of the MCAA designed for amateur photographers who live in Monroe County, IL.

Amateur photographers only no photos sold in the last year Monroe County residents ONLY! You may enter a total of four photos Black/White or color photos Digital or print accepted Photos must have been taken March 1 2023 - March 10, 2024

Categories

Landscapes - in this category landscapes are not limited to Monroe County. The Arts - photo of an artist at work or performing; photo of artist materials - brushes, instrument,, easel/pallet, ballet shoes,ETC. Pets - Animals - family pets, farm animals, zoo animals, etc.

People - family members, friends, people at work, play, etc.

Monroe County - a photo that somehow connects/relates with Monroe County: landscape, event, person, etc.

** One photo per entry form = one submission. 4 (four) submissions per person is the maximum. Each submission must have an entry form and a photo.

Submission examples: A photo may be submitted in multiple subject categories. Multiple photos may be entered in a single subject category.

All submissions due by March 15, 2024.

Judges

Three professional photographers will be the official judges for this contest.

Judging may take up to 4 weeks depending net avit the quantity of photos submitted.

Prizes:

Best of Show First, Second, Third Place in all categories. The Best of Show winner will have their photo professionally framed. Other winners will receive a certificate.

 The photographer retains copyright of the photo but the MCAA retail the right to use the image with credit given to the photographer. Winners will be announced on the MCAA website and Facebook page. In addition, the winners will receive an email indicating the winning category and the place they were awarded.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• March 13	Hunting/Fishing Club Intro Meeting, 6:30p.m., Mo. Co. Annex
• March 16	4-H Volunteer Training, 8:30a.m-12:00p.m., Turkey Hill Grange
• March 21	County Director Open House, 3:00-6:00p.m., Monroe Co. Annex
• March 21	Federation Meeting (re-scheduled), 7:00p.m., Mo. Co. Annex
• March 23	Baebler Educational Farm Work Day, 9:00-11:00a.m.
• March 25	YQCA Training, 6:30p.m., Monroe County Annex
• March 25	Livestock Record Book Workshop, 7:30p.m., Monroe Co. Annex
• March 26	4-H Public Speaking Show, 6:30p.m., Monroe County Annex
• April 3	Learn about Leather Crafting, 7:00p.m., Monroe County Annex
• April 13	Sheep Fest-Sheep/Goat Judging, 9:00a.m., Mo. Co. Fairgrounds
• April 13	MoCo Showcase Sheep Show, Monroe Co. Fairgrounds
• April 15	YQCA Training, 6:30p.m., Monroe County Annex
• April 15	Livestock Record Book Workshop, 7:30p.m., Monroe Co. Annex
• May 4	4-H Sheep & Goat Weigh-in, 8:00a.m., Monroe Co. Fairgrounds
• May 11	4-H Horse Show, 9:00a.m., Monroe County Fairgrounds
• May 18	4-H Day with the Cardinals, Busch Stadium, STL
• May 21	4-H Gardenbuds Club begins
• June 29	4-H Show-A-Rama (general projects), Imm. Luth. Church Hall
• July 21-28	Monroe County Fair (horticulture, crops & livestock shows)
• August 11	Monroe County Day at State Fair



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