### May 2021

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# **4-H SHOW SCHEDULE**

#### **4-H County Horse Show**

Saturday, May 8, 9:00am, Monroe County Fairgrounds

#### **Food Demonstration Show**

Monday, June 7, 7:00pm, Monroe County Fairgrounds-Fine Arts

#### Show-A-Rama--1

Saturday, June 12, 8:30-11:00am, Monroe County Fairgrounds (See Showbook for project list)

#### Show-A-Rama--2

Wednesday, June 16, 6pm-8:30pm, Monroe County Fairgrounds (See Showbook for project list )

#### **Monroe County Fair**

July 18-25, Monroe County Fair

#### Monroe County Day at IL State Fair

Sunday, August 1, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield

### 4-H SHOWBOOK & REGISTRATION

Please review the 4-H Showbook for class guidelines for **General Projects**, **Horse & Food Demos**:

https://go.illinois.edu/Showbook-General

To **register to exhibit**, please follow these instructions: <u>https://go.illinois.edu/FairEntryDirections</u>

\*A separate Showbook for Monroe County Fair classes including Crops, Horticulture and Livestock will be provided to families soon!

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# ILLINOIS 4-H OUTLINES SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS

We're looking forward to the 2021 season! As Illinois 4-H staff plan for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members.

We are preparing for the possibility of returning to in-person events, based on local conditions at that time and in conjunction with current IDPH guidelines.

If current local conditions are conducive to in-person events, the opportunity for face-to-face judging for Monroe County will require that all participants, spectators, and volunteers adhere to Illinois 4-H event guidelines. We are counting on our 4-H members, their families, and our staff and volunteers to do their part to help make our upcoming events as safe as possible, whatever format they take.

The following COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols also may be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event.

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside).

2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.

- 3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
- 4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact us directly at 618-939-3434. We are happy to discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event.

As excited as we are about the possibility of stepping back into face-to-face judging, we also recognize that this is a continually evolving situation. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

We truly are stronger together. With your help, we look forward to a safe and successful summer!

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# LIVESTOCK TRAININGS

#### IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN DAIRY CATTLE, BEEF CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, AND/OR GOATS:

All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be <u>required</u> to certify in the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program**, by attending class taught by local veterinarians.

There will be three local options for a face-to-face training:

April 26, 6:30pm, Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo

• May 6, 6:30pm, Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo

There is a **\$3 fee** to YQCA to certify each year if you exhibit one of the above livestock species.

### TO REGISTER:

- Go to <a href="https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login">https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login</a>
- Choose "Sign in with 4-H Online" and Illinois 4-H Youth Development.
  - Sign into your 4-H Online account.
- Select member that is enrolled in one of the above listed livestock projects.
- Choose the appropriate age and choose "Instructor-Led Training." \$3.00.
- Choose Illinois and then the training you wish to attend, then click on the red "Purchase Course" button.
- Training must be paid for via credit card. If this option is not available for your family, please contact the Extension office as soon as possible.
  - Repeat registration process with each family member required to take the training.

If you are unable to attend one of the face-to-face trainings, you may take the YQCA training online following the same directions as above, but selecting the online training for \$12. Please contact the Extension office if this is the option you are using. Please complete by June 1.

#### IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN HORSE, RABBITS, POULTRY, DOGS, AND/OR CATS:

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats.

You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ http://web.extension.illinois.edu/gaec/

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# **4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK AUCTION UPDATE**

The Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation and the Youth Livestock Auction Committee are in the process of planning the 2021 Livestock Auction for local youth.

The group is exploring various options with the hope of a live auction; however, virtual plans are being considered if the need arises. One main consideration of the committee is being mindful of current economic conditions and the impact some of our local businesses have faced. We understand that some businesses and community members who have historically supported 4-H and FFA members in the past may not be in a financial position to participate in the auction this year.

With this in mind, the committee decided each youth will be limited to selling only one animal to reduce the total number of animals being auctioned this year.

If you have any questions, feedback, or concerns, please contact the Monroe County Extension office at 618-939-3434.

# **4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW UPDATE**

We are working to plan 4-H livestock shows for the fair season taking into account COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines (see page 2).

The Monroe County 4-H Showbook, including classes and show times for Livestock, will be provided to families in upcoming weeks.

Information to register to exhibit your livestock projects at shows will be provided to you as we draw closer to Show season.

NEW IN 2021: Livestock exhibitors will now be paid premiums for <u>TWO</u> livestock entries per class number. Previous year rules allowed for exhibition of two entries per class, however, premiums were only paid for one entry.

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# **COUNTY & STATE HORSE SHOWS:**

Monroe County 4-H Horse Show: Sat., May 8, 9:00am, Monroe County Fairgrounds

Open to all 4-H members enrolled in a 4-H Horse Project. Please register: <u>https://go.illinois.edu/FairEntryDirections</u> Date is subject to change due to weather.

### Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show: July 25-August 1, IL State Fairgrounds

Ownership and/or lease paperwork must be placed on file at the local University of Illinois Extension office by <u>May 15.</u>

In addition to the ownership/lease papers, two photos, one of each side of the animals will be mandatory for all horse and ponies, grade and registered animals. We strongly encourage members, if they own or lease more than one horse, to file paperwork on ALL potential exhibit horses by the deadline. If a horse is injured or dies, it may be replaced ONLY by a horse whose paperwork is already on file by the deadline. A horse may only be owned or leased to, and exhibited by ONE 4-H or FFA member at the State Fair Junior Horse Show. Download the forms @ <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/Horse\_Ownership\_Lease">https://go.illinois.edu/Horse\_Ownership\_Lease</a>

# **JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS**

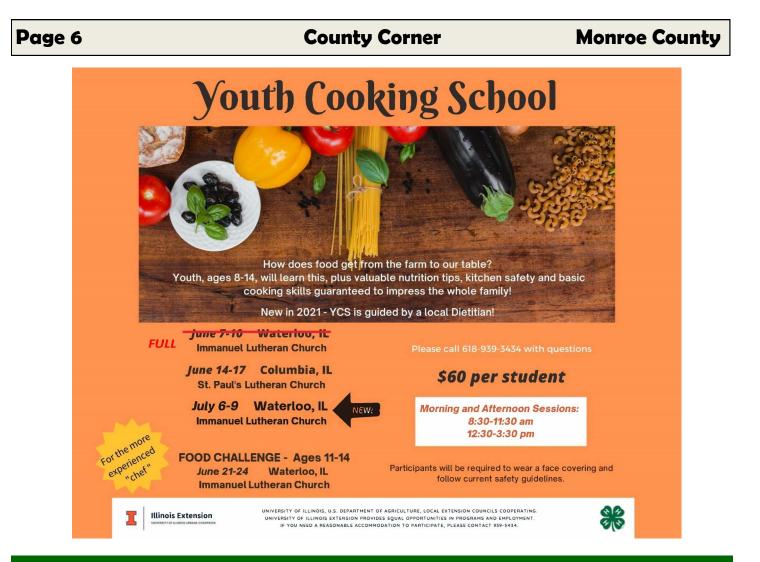
### Come Grow with US!



Gardening activities are for youth ages 8 to 13.

There is a \$25 fee for enrolled 4-H members and \$30 fee for all others.

The fee covers snacks, supplies and a t-shirt.



# STATE JR. LIVESTOCK CONFERENCE

Three youth attended the State Jr. Livestock Conference in Springfield on April 24: **Cohen Brandt** (Maeystown Clovers), **Erin Halleran** (Backyard Bandits) and **Kaitlyn Ruwald** (Backyard Bandits).

Participants learned about a variety of topics through engaging, hands-on activities including egg judging, mastitis testing, milking a cow, making rope halters, livestock knots, notching & branding, hay judging, nutrition, bandaging and more. The highlight of the conference was taking home their own chick embryo!

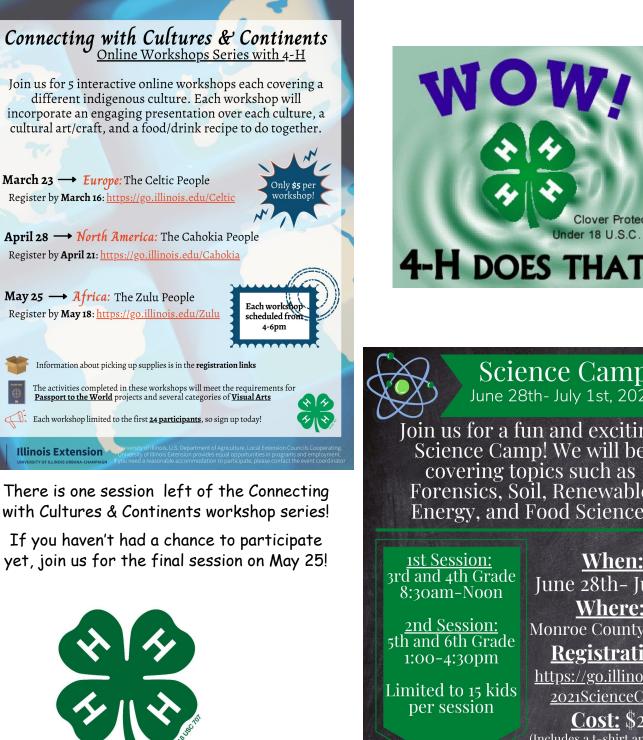
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Science Camp June 28th-July 1st, 2021

Join us for a fun and exciting Science Camp! We will be covering topics such as Forensics, Soil, Renewable **Energy**, and Food Science!



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**SHEEP FESTIVAL FUN** 



4-H Cruisers' food stand

Federation Kid's Corner obstacle course

# **SHeep & GOAT JUDGING CONTEST RESULTS:**

Great job to all who participated in the sheep & goat judging contest at the Sheep Festival on April 10, 2021. Congratulations to the following:

#### SHEEP JUDGING

<u>Ages 8-12</u>

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Emily Vogt 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Parker Brandt 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kelsey Schmitz

### <u>Ages 13-19</u>

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Olivia Stechmesser 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hudson Brandt & Garrett Brandt (tie) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Cal Sutter

\*Prizes for the Sheep Judging Contest were sponsored by Gateway FS & Monroe County Sheep Producers.

### GOAT JUDGING

<u>Ages 8-12</u>

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Cody Schmitz

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Luke Lutman, Parker Brandt, Kelsey Schmitz (tie: split 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$)

### <u>Ages 13-19</u>

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Olivia Stechmesser 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Erin Halleran 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Cal Sutter



### HOOFBEATS COMPETITION TEAM HAS GREAT SUCCESS AT STATE CONTESTS!

The following members advanced to the State Hippology Contest on April 17/18 in Champaign:

<u>Jr. Hippology</u>: Paige Koch, Julia Muertz; <u>Intermediate Hippology</u>: Shelby Bove, Sydney Woodard, Madelynn Mohr, Maya Woodard; <u>Sr. Hippology</u>: Bailey DuChene, Annika Olson

\*Paige Koch placed 5th and Shelby Bove placed 3rd in their respective divisions. In Hippology, youth field a wide range of questions, ranging from breed identification, anatomy, tack identification, and feed samples to disease management, parasite identification, and quality assessment. They also are given a timed problem-solving challenge they must solve on the spot.

The Jr. Horse Bowl Team competing at the state level on April 17/18 included: Shelby Bove, Maya Woodard, Madelynn Mohr and Sydney Woodard. \*The team placed 1st, winning all four rounds and scoring the most points. \*Maya Woodard scored as the high individual over all. Horse Bowl functions much like a scholastic bowl in a school setting where the emphasis is on equine knowledge.





# **7TH GRADE AGRISCIENCE ROADSHOW**

Congratulations to **Cohen Brandt** for placing first in the annual 7th Grade AgriScience Roadshow.

This event is sponsored by University of Illinois Extension-Monroe County, Monroe County Farm Bureau and Monroe County Ag in the Classroom. Cohen received a \$50 cash award and a \$5 gift certificate to Dairy Queen.

His experiment tested what kind of manures (cow, sheep or chicken) made corn grow the tallest.



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## **NATURE ADVENTURES DAY**

Beautiful weather brought many families to Baebler Education Farm on April 25 for the Annual Nature Adventure Day. Participants hiked, flew kites, fished, made bird feeders, learned about wildlife and saw presentations from Kaskaskia Valley Audubon Society and Treehouse Wildlife Center about birds.



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### 4-H/U OF I EXTENSION MASKS FOR SALE!



We are offering U of I Extension/4-H Masks for purchase: <u>https://go.illinois.edu/Mask</u>

These masks have a strap on them which are beneficial to avoid losing them and will come in handy at summer 4-H shows.

We are taking pre-orders now and anticipate the merchandise to arrive in 3-4 weeks.

They are \$6 each.

We would prefer to have them picked up at the Extension office, but we are offering a mailing option for an additional cost of \$1 per mask for postage.

## **4-H SHIRTS AVAILABLE!**

If you are a new member or have outgrown your 4-H shirts, there are a limited number available at the Extension office.

Please contact Kelly at kmbrandt@illinois.edu and let her know what size(s) you need.

## **4-H AWARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD NOW!**

The following updated documents have been posted to our website under the "County Awards" tab at the bottom: <u>https://extension.illinois.edu/mms/4-h-monroe-county</u>

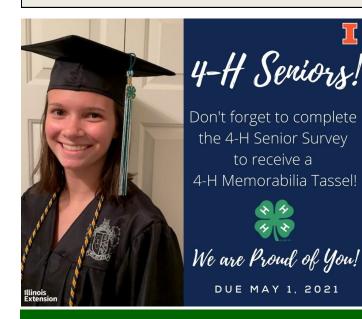
- o 2021 Award Application
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- o Award Application Example
- $\rm o$   $\,$  Award Applications are due SEPTEMBER 15, 2021  $\,$

# LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

- 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 it off and fill it in by hand. Please remember to be very neat if writing.
- 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, 2021 for evaluation.

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### SENIORS: COMPLETE SURVEY FROM STATE 4-H OFFICE:

How has 4-H has impacted your life? Complete the 4-H Senior Survey by May 1 to receive a 4-H memorabilia tassel.

> Complete the survey online: <u>https://</u> <u>go.illinois.edu/4hgradsurvey</u>

\*Also don't forget to complete Senior Spotlight questions for Monroe County!

> Compeer Financial is a strong supporter of agriculture youth. Although many local and county fairs will look different in 2021, they wanted to continue to support our young people - who are the future of agriculture. We know many 4-H and FFA members have worked hard on their projects throughout the year, and to honor this dedication they are announcing the second year of the Blue Ribbon Project contest.

This contest gives members the chance to showcase their projects with a photo and a short essay telling Compeer Financial how their project champions rural America. The first 1,000 submissions will get a cool t-shirt and have a chance to win a cash prize, and a donation to a group that is important to them. You can see the link for the submission process.

The website is open now: <u>compeer.com/BlueRibbon</u> and the deadline to apply is June 1.

### Now accepting submissions! BLUE RIBBON PROJECT CONTEST

Compeer Financial knows how much you love your fair. We appreciate the determination and dedication you put into your projects every year.

That is why we are proud to continue our Blue Ribbon Project contest. We want to recognize 4-H and FFA members who have been working hard all year on their projects.

Submit a picture of your project — from aerospace to woodworking and everything in between — and a brief description of how your project champions rural America.

Monetary prizes will be awarded in various categories based on age and location. Plus, the first 1,000 entries receive a free t- shirt.

Visit **compeer.com/BlueRibbon** to learn more, including submission details, rules and prizes.

Deadline for submissions: JUNE 1, 2021

Submit essays and see full contest details at: compeer.com/BlueRibbon

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## 4-H MEMORIAL CAMP: FAMILY CAMP RETREATS!

4-H Family Camp | Experience the fun of summer camp right along with your kids!

Enjoy your own family cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat ready for family fun at Makes a Splash? Experience the fun of summer camp together as a family at 4-H Family Camp make s'mores over a campfire, and so much more!

Ready to camp? Sign up for the June 6-8, June 18-20 or July 9-11 sessions at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL here: https://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp21



#### Where will you explore in 2022? Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

### **TRAVEL ABROAD WITH 4-H**

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 -8 weeks (dates vary by program June[August 2022)

REQUIRÉMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000\* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina \*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit hlp://www.states4hexchange.org or contact us by email: Miriam Rosenbohm at <u>rosenbohm07@comcast.net</u> or Elisha Hughes at ehugh2@illinois.edu <u>https://www.facebook.com/illinoisstates4hexchange/</u>, Instagram @states4hinternatonal

### **TRUE LEADERS IN EQUITY INSTITUTE**

Champion Equity-Related Work in Your Community! From September 10-12 and on October 9, 2021 the True Leaders in Equity Institute will prepare up to 20 teams to be change agents to create more welcoming and inclusive environments in 4-H.At the Institute, your team will gain a deeper understanding of equity and inclusion, choose an issue to focus on, develop new skills, create an action plan for when you return home! Head <u>here to apply</u> by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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### REGISTRATION OPEN: 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT CERTIFICATION FIELD DAY TRAININGS

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July for Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines/ These are one-day only!

June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)

July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

\*\*Monroe County can always use additional Shooting Sports Instructors, especially in the areas of Archery & Pistol. Please contact Kelly Brandt at kmbrandt@illinois.edu or 939-3434.



# **4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS**

Meet with other volunteers and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas & questions!

### Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include: One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go! & Summer Fun!

Link to register for the **May 20**, **2021** Volunteer Café Conversation: <u>https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738</u>



### **TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE**

We want to hear how you are impacting your community!

We ask that all 4-H members, families, and clubs register the service outreach efforts they have conducted or plan to conduct during the months of **March**, **April**, **May and June** that demonstrate support of your communities.

Register your service outreach efforts (or outreach plans!) for the months of **March**, **April**, **May and June** that demonstrate support of your communities. Register <u>here</u>.

### **Calendar of Events**

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Goat & Sheep Weigh-in	May 1, 8:00am, Monroe County Fairgrounds
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training	May 6, 6:30pm, Monroe County Annex
4-H Horse Show	May 8, 9am, Monroe County Fairgrounds
Connecting with Cultures & Continents: The Zulu People	May 25, 4-6pm, Virtual
State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest	June 4
Monroe Co. Hoofbeats Youth Horse Show	June 5, 1pm, Monroe County Fairgrounds
State Public Speaking Show	June 5
Food Demonstration Show	June 7, Monroe County Fairgrounds-Fine Arts Building
Show-A-Rama 1 (Cooking, Food Decorating, Food Science, Floriculture, Woodworking, Visual Arts, Small Engines, Tractor, Welding)	June 12, 8:30-11:00am, Monroe County Fairgrounds
Show-A-Rama 2 (Animal & Vet Science, Clothing, Int. Design, Photography, Technology, Nat. Res., Shooting Sports, Etc.)	June 16, 6-8:30pm, Monroe County Fairgrounds
Illini Summer Academies	June 27-July 1, Virtual
Science Camp	June 28-July 1, Monroe County Annex
Youth Cooking School	June 7-10, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo
Youth Cooking School	June 14-17, St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Columbia
Youth Cooking School Food Challenge	June 21-24, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo
Monroe County Fair (horticulture, crops, livestock shows)	July 18-25, Monroe County Fairgrounds
State Jr. Horse Shows	July 25-August 1, IL State Fairgrounds- Springfield
Monroe County Day @ IL State Fair	August 15, IL State Fairgrounds-Springfield



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