

DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 23

# 4-H FAMILY



## MONROE COUNTY

# NEWS

### 4-H ENROLLMENT

Don't forget to enroll for the  
2022-23 4-H year by **January 1!**

All 4-H families and volunteers will need to create a new household account in the new ZSuite enrollment system and add profiles for their participating family members (youth and adult volunteers.)

Learn how to enroll here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info>

Be sure to check out all of the exciting project options before enrolling:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/project>

### 4-H PROJECT BOOKS

***Do you need a book to learn more about your 4-H project?***

Please review project book options for your project here:  
<https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop>

Click on this link to request books:

<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HProjectBookOrder>

Enter the names of the book(s) you are requesting for each member. You may request up to three publications which are included with your enrollment (this is covered by the Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation).

Additional publications will be at your expense.

4-H staff will order books 1x/month. You will be notified when they arrive at the Extension office, where they can be picked up.

For any projects that have books with "levels", we recommend staying in a project "level" for 2-3 years before moving up to the next level.

Please contact your leader or Kelly Brandt, 4-H Program Coordinator at [kbrandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kbrandt@illinois.edu) or 939-3434 with questions.



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## ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

The 4-H Achievement Program took place on Sunday, November 27 at the Monroe County Annex.

Participants were recognized for successes from 2021-2022, including member years, club officers, state event participants, livestock record book and award application completion, I Dare You Award recipients, leader years of service, and more.



The National I Dare You Leadership Award, a recognition of personal achievement, balanced living and service to others was awarded to **Chet Sutter and Cal Sutter**, both active members of the Golden Eagles 4-H Club and Monroe County 4-H Federation.



Leaders honored for significant years of service included, **Curt Sondag** – 30 years (Federation), **Amanda Marquardt** – 20 years (Moonlight Boys & Girls) and **Gene Kraemer** – 10 years (Shooting Sports).



The **Golden Eagles** 4-H Club was recognized with the “Friend of Baebler Educational Farm” award for service projects that they have done at the farm over the past several years.



Award applicants were recognized for achieving the highest score in the four dimensions of the applications:

**Olivia Stechmesser:** Community Service  
**Janella Neary:** Participation & Leadership  
**Maya & Sydney Woodard:** Project Learning



## ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

### TOP SECRETARY AWARD

Valerie Branson, Moonlight Boys & Girls

### TOP TREASURER AWARD

Kaleigh Halleran, Backyard Bandits

### TOP AWARD APPLICATIONS

Animal Science 8-10: Lillian Kolweier

Animal Science 11-14: Maya Woodard,  
Sydney Woodard

Animal Science 15-19: Janella Neary

Career & Leadership 11-14: Joshua Edwards

Civic Engagement 11-14: Clark Deptula

Creative Arts 8-10: Tessa Kolweier

Creative Arts 11-14: Elizabeth Koch

Creative Arts 15-19: Sarah Toth

Environmental Sciences 8-10: Kaleigh Halleran

Environmental Sciences 15-19: Sean Miller

Food Systems 8-10: Chelsey McDermott

Food Systems 11-14: Riley McDermott

Healthy Living 8-10: Evelyn Meurer

Healthy Living 11-14: Olivia Toth

Healthy Living 15-19: Hannah Edwards

STEM 8-10: William Albers

STEM 11-14: Erin Halleran

### TOP LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS

Beef 8-10: Jackson Klinkhardt

Beef 11-14: Emma Schultheis

Beef 15-19: Janella Neary\*\*

Goat 8-10: Ty Johanning

Goat 11-14: Amelia Guebert

Goat 15-19: Kaitlyn Ruwald\*\*

Dairy 8-10: Kelsey Schmitz

Dairy 11-14: Cody Schmitz\*\*

Horse 8-10: Lily Luther

Horse 11-14: Jada Casto\*\*

Poultry 8-10: Braydon Eckart

Poultry 11-14: Elizabeth Koch\*\*

Poultry 15-19: Madilyn Hooch

Sheep 8-10: Kaleigh Halleran, Luke Lutman

Sheep 11-14: Cohen Brandt\*\*

Sheep 15-19: Lydia Lutman

Rabbit 8-10: Theodore Klinkhardt

Rabbit 11-14: Lane Shevlin

Rabbit 15-19: Sophia Dell\*\*

Swine 8-10: Wyatt Bergmann\*\*

Swine 11-14: Keegan Yearian

Swine 15-19: Bridgette Yearian

Well  
Done!

\*Indicates top in age category

\*\*Indicates top overall





## HARVEST NIGHT

THANK YOU to all who helped make the 15th annual Harvest Night dinner auction a success!

We appreciate the hard work of the Harvest Night Committee, Federation and others who put so much time and energy into a wonderful event.

Thank you to all who donated cakes, auction items, financial contributions, and all who attended!

We truly appreciate your support to U of I Extension in Monroe County!





**JAN. 24, 6:30P.M.**  
**MONROE COUNTY ANNEX**  
**901 ILLINOIS AVE., WATERLOO**



# WELCOME TO 4-H WORKSHOP

Email [kmbrandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kmbrandt@illinois.edu) or call the  
Extension office at 939-3434 to register.

**Open to 4-H members and  
parents who want to know  
more about...**

- Enrollment and Program Fees
- Projects and Shows
- Where to find things on the  
Extension website
- Who to ask for help

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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/FamilyHandbook>





## 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 Sept. 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 member of the Monroe County 4-H club and/or FFA Chapter in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer or Red Bud school districts.
- Attend at least 4 meetings during the 4-H year
- Give a talk or demonstration.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2023.
- 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.
- **\*NEW: Members must complete a livestock record book in 2023 in order to be eligible to sell in 2024, with the exception of new members.**
- **\*NEW: Exhibitors may sell TWO of any species, beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, poultry or dairy basket.**
- **\*NEW: Dairy cattle and dairy goat exhibitors showing 2 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.

## 4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

As we begin the new 4-H year, please remember that in order to show projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least 4 meetings during the 4-H year.
- Give a talk or demonstration.
- Enroll in 4-H by January 1, 2023.
- 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.

**A FULL LIST OF ADDITIONAL AUCTION & SHOW REQUIREMENTS ARE POSTED IN THE 4-H SHOWBOOK**



## LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

Record Books should be shown to/signed by your leader at your May, June or July club meeting prior to the fair. (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)

**\*NEW: Members must complete a livestock record book in 2023 in order to be eligible to sell in 2024, with the exception of new members.**

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 it 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.

## RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2023 Award Applications will be provided to members soon!  
In the meantime, please keep track of your 4-H activities with the 4-H Experience log:

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

## 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

2023 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**

Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL

Disciplines offered: *Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Coordinator*

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Disciplines offered: *Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Coordinator, Hunting/Outdoor Skills*

*These dates are 9-hour "field days" that teach range management. An additional 3-hour on-line 4-H training will complete the certification process. Registration will be open Dec. 15, 2022 – Feb. 15, 2023.*

**If interested, contact Kelly Brandt at [kmbandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kmbandt@illinois.edu) or 618-939-3434**





**Golden Eagles** members had a successful fundraiser at the Maeystown Oktoberfest, selling kettle corn again this year!



**THANK YOU**  
to **Gateway FS** for  
their donation of a  
second Champion  
4-H Market Animal  
Plaque! Big thanks  
to Brian "Boomer"  
Garleb for  
coordinating this  
effort to recognize  
these  
achievements!



**THANK YOU**  
to all 4-H families who donated  
paper towels, toilet paper, etc.  
to the House of Neighborly  
Services in honor of 4-H!





## SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Summer Youth Camp dates for 2023 at 4-H Memorial Camp are set! Youth age 8-16 (actual age) can attend camp during the following sessions:

June 4-8

June 11-15

June 25-29

June 30- July 4 (check out is at 11 a.m. this session)

Online registration via the camp website will open for 4-H Club members on January 23rd. Registration will open for non 4-H Club members on February 6th.

The fee for camp is \$315 for 4-H Club members, \$355 for non 4-H Club members.

Links for registration and additional details will be available on the 4-H Camp website closer to the time of registration. Please contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or Monika Hammerschmidt [hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu) with any questions.

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## SPRING FAMILY CAMP

Spring Family Camp will be back again May 19-21. Bring the whole family to enjoy camp a weekend of camp fun! Registration will open up in late February. More details including activities and fees will be available soon! Please contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or Monika Hammerschmidt [hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu) with any questions.

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## CAMP CORRAL

4-H Memorial Camp will once again be holding the Camp Corral July 16-21, 2023. This 6 day youth camp is for youth age 8-15 who has one or more parents or guardians who are military veterans. The Mission of this program is “To transform the lives of children of wounded, ill, and fallen military heroes by providing camp, advocacy, and enrichment programs.” To learn more about this program, please visit the Camp Corral website. Registration will open on January 18th via the Camp Corral website. You do not need to be a 4-H Member to attend this program. Please contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or Monika Hammerschmidt [hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu) with any questions.



## CAMP EMPLOYMENT

4-H Memorial Camp needs you! Running a successful summer camp program takes a lot of people. We will begin accepting applications for summer employment starting January 1st. We are looking to fill the following positions.

### Counselors

Dates: May 30- June 15, June 25-July 4, and July 16-21

Positions: Junior Counselors 16-17 years old, Senior Counselors 18+ years old

### Program staff: 18+ years old

Dates: May 15- July 28.

Positions: Seasonal Assistant Director, Outdoor Ed., Lifeguard, Recreation, Arts & Crafts, Creation Station, Climbing Tower

Applications and additional information will be available on our website. Please contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or Monika Hammerschmidt [hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu)

## ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

**Save the date! Illinois Summer Academies will be back June 25-29 on the UIUC campus!**

Participants attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be. Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine spending four days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it! This program offers teens the opportunity to explore various degree programs of University of Illinois and learn of potential careers associated with those degrees. Stay tuned for registration in the spring of 2023.

## 4-H BY THE DECADES – 1960'S

We are seeking Illinois 4-H History from our 4-H alumni by the decades! Join us to visit about how 4-H impacted your life during the 1960's growing up in the Illinois 4-H program.

We will also be seeking photos of special memories, mementos, and awards of each decade to share on a new Illinois 4-H History website to be developed. Share with us your 4-H story! Registration due Friday, November 25. A link will be sent to those registered on Monday, November 28.

Find dates for more decades by heading here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4hbythedecades>.

Register online: <https://form.jotform.com/222980512137150>





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 23-30 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED: Christmas Holiday
- January 2 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED: New Year Holiday
- January 24 6:30 p.m., Welcome to 4-H Workshop
- January 26 7:00 p.m., Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation Annual Mtg.
- January 31 6:30 p.m., Entrepreneurship Workshop (more details coming soon!)
- February 18 8:00 a.m., Steer Weigh-in and Winter Show



### 4-H Program Weather Policy:

When Monroe County schools are closed due to inclement weather, county 4-H activities will be closed as well unless otherwise notified.

If the weather gets bad in the evening before the event, please watch your email and Facebook for cancellations.

ENJOY A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO 4-H DURING 2021!  
WISHING YOUR FAMILY HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN 2022!

*Monroe County Extension Staff*



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