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Dear Monroe County 4-H Families & Volunteers,

After much consideration, I have decided to leave Extension to pursue another career. It was a very difficult decision, but feel this is the best decision for myself and my family. The past two years have had challenges and many rewards. I have enjoyed various experiences and built many relationships that I will cherish throughout my lifetime. Thank you for allowing me to lead this unit and for all of your continued dedication to Illinois Extension and our communities.

Leaving Illinois Extension and the related serving of Monroe County is bittersweet. I joined Illinois Extension, leading the unit serving Monroe, Madison, and St. Clair counties in hopes of making a difference and giving back to the community. I believe those goals were met throughout a very challenging time, even if the impact was for a shorter period of time than planned. The analysis of my decision could go into many details, but can be best summarized as, the demands of leading the three county unit outweigh the value and reward being provided to myself and my family. I plan to continue to support the mission of Monroe County Extension through volunteering and supporting efforts within Monroe County. I hope the community members, volunteers, and members all know how truly dedicated the staff in Monroe County are. The staff's dedication is far beyond the expectations of their job. I would encourage everyone to be more appreciative of all non-profit, volunteer organizations and staff; they really are amazing!

Thank you all for your support over the last two years. I look forward to seeing you all in our community and continuing to support Monroe County.

Sincerely,

Amy Cope



Monroe County Office
 901 Illinois Ave., PO Box 117
 Waterloo, IL 62298
 618-939-3434, 618-939-7708 Fax

Office Hours:
 Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
 Closed Noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

Madison-St. Clair County Branch Office
 1606 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 100
 Collinsville, IL 62234
 618-344-4230, 618-344-5602 Fax

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LAMBING 101

Tuesday
February 1, 2022
@ 6:30 pm

Location:

Chris & Tricia Lutman's Farm
4960 Rock Rd.
Waterloo, IL 62298

**This program will be out in the barn so please dress accordingly.*

Presented by Katie Bell, Local Food Systems & Small Farms Educator,
University of Illinois Extension

This free, on-farm program will cover the basics sheep producers need to know to be prepared for lambing season on their farm and a review of the supplies and equipment you should have on hand.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

- Ewe care before lambing
- Supply & equipment essentials
- Lamb care after birth

To RSVP, please call
(618)-939-3434 or email njohann@illinois.edu.



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STEER WEIGH-IN & SHOW

February 19, 2022

8:00am

Monroe County Fairgrounds-
Beef Barn

Show Order*

Senior: 16-19

Intermediate: 13-15

Junior 1: 10-12

Junior 2: 8-9

*Ages by Sept. 1, 2021

4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION GUIDELINES

UPDATED guidelines for the 2022 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction as determined by the Monroe County 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Committee are:

Exhibitors may sell:

- one large specie: Beef, Sheep or Swine (sold by lb.)
and
- one small specie: Goat, Rabbit or Poultry (sold by head/pen)

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Connecting with Cultures & Continents

Online Workshops Series with 4-H

Join us for 3 interactive online workshops each covering a different indigenous culture. Each workshop will incorporate an engaging presentation over each culture, a cultural art/craft, and a food/drink recipe to do together.

December 2 *Middle East:* The Kurds

Register by November 24: <https://go.illinois.edu/kurds>

January 6 *China:* The Oroqen People

Register by December 23: <https://go.illinois.edu/China>

February 3 *Australia:* The Aboriginal People

Register by January 27: <https://go.illinois.edu/Australia>

Only \$10
per
workshop!

Register for any of the above workshops and you
will receive a Passport to the World project
guide, 1 per family!

Recommended ages 8+

Parental supervision suggested during cooking.

Each
workshop
scheduled
from 4-6pm



Information about picking up supplies is in the **registration links**



The activities completed in these workshops will meet the requirements for **Passport to the World** projects and several categories of **Visual Arts**



Each workshop limited to the first **24 participants**, so sign up today!



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to 10
NEW
Chefs

Master Chef Jr. For Beginners

Come have some after-school fun while learning valuable cooking skills, food safety and nutrition know-how! If you are new to cooking and want to learn basic chef skills, Master Chef Jr. for Beginners is for you!

- **3rd-5th grade
(No Experience Needed)**
- **Monroe County Annex Building**
- **3:30-5:30 pm**
- **Starting February 8 -March 15**

Cost: \$60
includes
food,
supplies
and apron

Youth wanting to learn more advanced Chef skills
should consider registering for
Master Chef Jr. later in the spring!

Register @ extension.illinois.edu/mms

Questions - contact Emily Reece, 4-H Youth

Development Educator

ereece@illinois.edu or 939-3434



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Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.



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YOUTH CANVAS PAINTING WORKSHOP



Saturday
February 12, 2022
9 am to 11 am

Location

Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo

Open to youth ages 8 (by Sept 1) and up!

Class is limited to 20 participants!

\$20 fee for lesson & all supplies needed!

Learn how to paint on canvas with
Theresa O'Bryan from Art 2 Go Studio.

Register by February 10 at
<https://extension.illinois.edu/mms>

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Navigation Workshop

We all know that there is a lot to navigate when making decisions about a career or college. Join us as we explore some choices for continued education and what career is the best fit for you; along with several tips about writing a resume and cover letter, social networking, and interview skills.



Monday, February 21, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

Monroe County Annex Building

901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo, IL 62298

Register TODAY! at:
extension.illinois.edu/mms



Questions - contact Emily Reece,
4-H Youth Development Educator
ereece@illinois.edu or 939-3434



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GROW WITH US! 4-H JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS



Meeting Schedules:

→ **Time: 3:30-5:00 PM**

March 2---March 16---March 30

April 13---April 27---May 11

→ **Time: 9:00-11:30 AM**

May 25


June 1st---June 8---June 15---June 22---June 29

**Youth may join at anytime.*

→ Meeting Location:

Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo
Contact Sarah Ruth for more information at
ruth1@illinois.edu or 939-3434.

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.



Save these tentative dates.

More information to follow soon!

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MONROE CO. EXTENSION & 4-H EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2022

Applicants must be seniors in high school and/or have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1, 2021 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>

LUCILLE & LESTER KORSMEYER SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2022

The scholarship is available to a high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years and must be 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>

FARM CREDIT AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: Monday, Feb. 28, 2022

Thirty \$2,000 scholarships are available to high school seniors with agricultural career aspirations planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall. Two student applicants of color will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars.

Recipients receive \$1,000 of the scholarship for the Fall 2022 semester and the remaining \$1,000 will be available to students who continue pursuing an agricultural degree during the Fall 2024 semester.

Please visit: <https://www.farmcredital.com/About/community-engagement/Scholarships>
for more scholarship details.

4-H CLUBS GIVE BACK!

The Monroe County Hoofbeats Competition Team volunteered their time at Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center in Germantown, IL in November. The organization's goal is to "provide people with disabilities the opportunity for therapeutic interaction with horses, with the goal of increasing their self-esteem, dignity, and emotional well being." Club members cleaned out stalls and decorated for the holiday season. While they were there, they were able to see the wonderful facility that offers hope to so many.



The Maeystown Clovers 4-H Club adopted a family once again this year for Christmas to make sure they had all of their needs for a happy, holiday season. Members purchased and wrapped the gifts for a family with three children.

In addition, the Maeystown Clovers Cloverbud group made ornaments for nursing home residents.



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 year
- Give a talk or demonstration
- Enroll in 4-H online by January 1, 2022.
- 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.

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LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

***Must 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.)**

- 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 to help you through the process of filling the book out.
- Books are due to the Extension office by **September 15, 2022** for evaluation.

2022 AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2022 4-H Award Application form has been posted. The purpose of this application is to highlight all of your hard work and accomplishments in 4-H throughout the year.

https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp

Applications are due to the Extension office by **September 15, 2022** for evaluation.

NEW

If you completed projects in more than 1 project area, you will only need to **fill out the Participation, Community Service, and Leadership pages one time**, but you will **fill out a separate Project Learning page for each project area** and mark which project area that page is for at the top.

NEW! “MY 4-H EXPERIENCE” LOG SHEET

Keep track of your 4-H activities all year long to help prepare for filling out your Award Application. List all of the activities you participate in, keep track of meetings, community service and more!

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

NEW! GOAL WORKSHEET

Keep track of your 4-H goals for participation, community service, leadership and project mastery to aid you as you fill out your Award Application.

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

**2022- LIVESTOCK BIRTH, OWNERSHIP AND TATTOO DATES FOR
ILLINOIS STATE FAIR JUNIOR SHOW****STEERS:**

- Calved on or after January 1, 2021
- Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since - February 1, 2022
- Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged - February 20, 2022

BARROWS: Regular Barrows

- Farrowed on or after January 1, 2022
- Must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2022.
- No weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making entry for ISF

BARROWS: Premiere Barrows (carcass class)

- Farrowed on or after February 10, 2022
- Must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2022
- Weighed and Tattooed with Box A tattoo from February 10 to April 15, 2022
- Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0 lbs/day of age
- Junior exhibitors can purchase pre-nominated barrows

SHEEP:**Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs: Live Show Wethers**

- Lambled on or after January 1, 2022
- Ownership Date - May 15, 2022
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2022. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E., Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563.

Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe lambs:

Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures:

- Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level.
- Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed with the Box A tattoo followed by a number starting with 1. This must be witnessed by a local Extension employee or a person they designate, such as a volunteer or local sheep superintendent.
- Completed nomination forms must be signed by the local Extension Office.
- Send nomination forms to Dan Jennings (address above).
- Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2022.
- Lambled on or after January 1, 2022.

Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers

- Wethers - Born on or after October 1, 2021
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk - May 15, 2022
- Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension office.
- Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2022. Send to Dan Jennings.

**2022 BREEDING ANIMALS BIRTH & OWNERSHIP DATES FOR
ILLINOIS STATE FAIR JUNIOR SHOW****BEEF - HEIFERS AND COWS:****Heifers**

- Age requirement is from September 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022 (*w/ addition of Senior Yearling class*)
- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 1, 2022

Performance Cows

- Cows must be born before September 1, 2020 (*Cow-Calf Class only*)
- Owned and personally cared by exhibitor since January 1, 2022

SWINE - GILTS:

- Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2022
- Owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2022

SHEEP - EWES & RAMS:

- Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021
- Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2021
- Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2022
- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 25, 2022

DAIRY - COWS AND HEIFERS:

- No age requirements
- Calves and Heifers - Owned since June 1, 2022
- Cows - Owned since January 1, 2022

HORSE & PONY:

- On or before June 1 - Copies of the ownership and/or lease papers, State Fair Entries, and one set of photos sent to Stephanie Hardy at: Illinois State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield IL, 62794-9427. PH: 217-782-0786

DOGS:

- Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2022
- At this time, no paperwork is required to be on file. Make entries via 4-H online.

DAIRY GOATS:

- Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by June 1, 2022.
- Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2022.

MEAT GOATS

- All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 15, 2022.

RABBITS, PYGMY GOATS & POULTRY:

- Animals in these species that are to be exhibited at the ISF Jr. Show must be owned by the exhibitor as indicated: Does -- By June 1 of the year exhibiting; All others -- Out of stock owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1.

HORSES

- Ownership, Lease papers, photos, and Entries are to be sent in together directly to: Stephanie Hardy at the Illinois State Fair by June 1 for verification of State Fair entries. If units wish to keep copies of this information for their own shows, they should make photocopies or require the exhibitors to submit two sets of forms.

*All junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for any/all animals entered. Fees will be due with class entries - **June 1 for Horses, July 1 for all other livestock**. Fees will be updated in the State Fair Premium Book.

**Note: This list is only a NOTICE of changes that have been made regarding various animal exhibits at the State Fair. Please read *complete* rules and regulations included in the 2022 ISF Jr. Department Premium book once printed copies are received or the book is posted on the ISF website: <http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/>.

COUNTY/STATE SHOW REQUIREMENTS

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

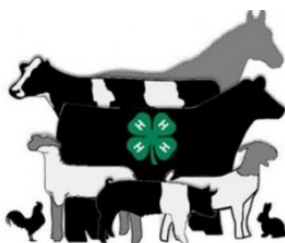
Taking QAEC training is mandatory for all **horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animal projects**. The website is now open: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

All county and state horse and dog exhibitors must complete QA&E Certification via this site one time during their showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

The YQCA training is mandatory for all **dairy, beef, swine, sheep, and goat** exhibitors in 4-H.

Please watch your email and upcoming newsletters for upcoming YQCA training date options.





4-H LEADER & OFFICER TRAINING

Saturday, March 12, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LET'S TALK LEADERSHIP!

- Learn effective leadership strategies to help enhance your club experiences.
- Engage in conversations & activities you can lead with your club.
- Learn more about your responsibilities as an officer and leader.
- Network with other clubs.
- HAVE FUN!

Participants can choose to attend either our Collinsville or Waterloo Offices. Please indicate which office you plan to attend at in the registration below.

Register @ extension.illinois.edu/mms



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4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS! – SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now so you can participate in the Spring 2022

4-H Volunteer Café Conversations.

If you are new to the Illinois 4-H program, the Café Conversations is a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. We will identify the topics for the next two Conversations in January!

- Thursday, February 17, 2022; 7 PM
- Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM

Watch for future registration details!




DO YOU WANT TO BE A 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR?

SAVE THE DATES: 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS


- Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (Southern Illinois)
- Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (Central Illinois)
- Sat. July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (Northwest Illinois)

Please contact Kelly Brandt at kmbrandt@illinois.edu if you are interested.

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presents




VIRTUAL TOWN HALL


TUESDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:00 PM

Register by February 21: <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>
Attendees will be able to submit questions as part of registration process.


FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dr. Robert Jones
Chancellor, University of Illinois
& National 4-H Council Board of Trustees



Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson
Associate Dean & Director
Illinois Extension



Dr. Lisa Bouillion Diaz
Assistant Dean & Director
Illinois 4-H

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SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 1, 2022: ILLINOIS 4-H TOWN HALL MEETING

Join us for the first Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm, to be held virtually. We look forward to sharing updates regarding the National 4-H Board of Trustees, Illinois Extension, and Illinois 4-H from Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois; Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean & Director of Illinois Extension; and Lisa Bouillion Diaz, Assistant Dean & Director of Illinois 4-H. Attendees will be able to submit questions for discussion. Registration will open on February 1.

Register by February 21 – <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>.

Hosted by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every February, people in the United States celebrate the history and the achievements of African Americans as a part of Black History Month. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate this month: <https://go.illinois.edu/BlackHistoryMonthFlier>.

4-H YOUTH IN ACTION AWARDS

Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:



earn a \$5K scholarship



serve as a national youth spokesperson
...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply!

<https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>



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4-H MEMORIAL CAMP- SUMMER YOUTH CAMP



Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022

4-H Members Only

Feb. 7, 2022- until full

4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022

4-H MEMORIAL CAMP- SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director

Lead Male/Female Counselors

Lifeguards

Outdoor Education Director

Arts & Crafts Director

Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director

Recreation Director

Climbing Tower Director

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under 4-H Resources.

Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS - COMING SUMMER 2022!

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be taking a delegation of Illinois 4-H teens to experience first-hand the wonders of Washington D.C.

We are waiting for a confirmation regarding our travel dates, however we encourage interested teens to begin thinking about being a part of this opportunity where they will connect with teens from across the country to gain skills which will prepare them to be effective changemakers in their communities.

Additional details including confirmed dates; cost; and pre-trip planning will be shared soon!



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Lambing 101 Workshop	February 1, 6:30pm, Lutman Farm
Connecting with Cultures & Continents Workshop: The Aboriginal People of Australia	February 3, 4:30pm, Virtual
Master Chef Junior-Spring session begins	February 8, 3:30pm, Monroe County Annex
Canvas Painting Workshop	February 12, 9am, Monroe County Annex
Shotgun Intro Meeting (Shotgun members)	February 15, 6:30pm, Monroe County Annex
Steer Weigh-in	February 19, 8am, Monroe County Fairgrounds –Cattle Barn
4-H State Horse Judging Contest	February 19, Blackhawk East, Galva, IL
College & Career Navigation Workshop	February 21, 9am, Monroe County Annex
Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting	March 1. 7pm, Virtual
Leader/Officer Training	March 12, 9am, Monroe County Annex
Shooting Sports Instructor Training	March 1, Tombstone Range, Marion, IL
Southern Regional Horse Bowl/Hippology Contests	March 26, SIUC (tentative)
State Hippology & Speech Contests	April 23, University of Illinois Campus
State Horse Bowl Contests	April 24, University of Illinois Campus



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.



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