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MONROE COUNTY 4-H Family News



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THANK YOU FOR A GREAT 2021-2022 4-H YEAR!!

THANK YOU...

- ♦ 4-H Members
- ♦ 4-H Leaders & Volunteers
- ♦ Parents & Family Members
- ♦ Fair Board & Superintendents
- ♦ Foundation & Council Members
- ♦ Show Judges & Teen Helpers
 - ♦ Schools & Churches
 - ♦ Community Businesses
 - ♦ Community Partners

for supporting 4-H clubs, work-shops, programs shows, etc. all year.

THANKYOU!

3,582 ice cream cups and floats were sold at the 4-H Stand at the Fair!

We appreciate...

- Oh Sugar!
- Amy Halleran & Amy Cope-concession stand chairs
- Wal-Mart
- Shelby's Automotive
- Harrisonville Telephone Co.
- State Bank of Waterloo
- Monroe County Farm Bureau
 - Monroe County Fair Association
- All 4-H members, parents & volunteers

for providing support to the 4-H Ice Cream & Snow-Cone Stand at the Fair.

Profits from the stand support 4-H programming.

55 businesses & individuals supported 4-H livestock members at the Youth Livestock Auction!

We extend **MUCH APPRECIATION** to our summer interns: Kaitlyn Ruwald, Madi Huebner, Sophia Dell, Ally Krebel, Megan Vogt, Courtney Mosbacher, Kelsey Weatherford, Haley Bode for helping to teach summer programs & camps, assisting with 4-H exhibitions, helping at the Fair and so much more!

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

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NEW YEAR ENROLLMENT COMING SOON!

New Enrollment System



Illinois 4-H is switching our enrollment and registration system from 4-H Online to **ZSuite** this fall!

We believe this new system will offer a more user-friendly experience and features that will help you stay connected to the 4-H program and find new exciting experiences and opportunities for your kids!

Registration will open in this new system in October. Look for emails from 4-H staff at that time with directions on

how to get your family set up in the new system.

END OF YEAR ITEMS: **DUE SEPTEMBER 15:**

MEMBERS:

- **Award Applications**

ALL 4-H members are encouraged to fill out Award Applications to highlight their accomplishments for recognition.

Award Applications: https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp

Helpful Tips: https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp_TIPS

Example: https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp_EXAMPLE

**NEW this year: 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.*

- **Livestock Record Books:**

Youth enrolled in Livestock projects should fill out Livestock Record Books.

Record Book: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>

Record Book Instructions: https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide

CLUBS

- Treasurer Books & Secretary Books: <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/club-resources>
- Club Scrapbooks or Video Montages

4-H RIBBON RECYCLING

We know you are all proud of your 4-H Ribbons but do you have an overabundance that you don't know what to do with?



Consider recycling them! Bring any un-wrinkled, un-faded 4-H ribbons to the Extension office and we will re-use them next year!



4-H SHIRTS

Do you need a 4-H shirt for the new 4-H year?

Check out Rural King! They have partnered with National 4-H to offer a variety of 4-H shirts at a reasonable price.

There is something for everyone!



FUTURE 4-H MEMBER ARRIVES IN THE MONROE COUNTY 4-H FAMILY!

Congratulations to 4-H Youth Development Educator, Emily Reece and her husband Eddie, on the arrival of their daughter, Rozalia (Rozey) Doris Reece this summer! Rozey joins older brother, Walton. Both have already visited 4-H functions this year, and we look forward to seeing them as 4-H members in the future!

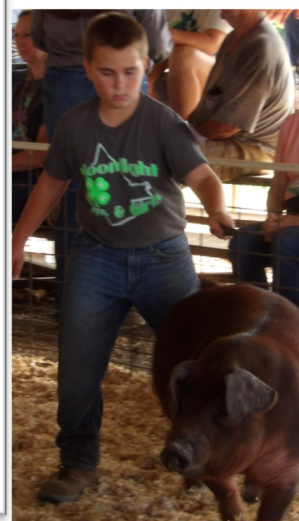


Hello 
**ROZALIA
DORIS**
Born June 2, 2022
8 Lbs. 1 oz., 19 Inch

welcome baby



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For more photos, please visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/monroe.il.4H

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4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW ACHIEVEMENTS

	GRAND CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL	RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL
STEER	Cory Stumpf	Riley Middendorf
GOAT	Brooke Mueller	Cal Sutter
SHEEP	Cohen Brandt	Brayden Koester
SWINE	Ty Johanning	Gracie Stechmesser
POULTRY	Braydon Eckart	Braydon Eckart
RABBIT-SINGLE FRYER	Kaitlyn Eichelmann	Chet Sutter
RABBIT-MEAT PEN	Leigha Henerfauth	Tessa Kolweier

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

RABBIT	BEEF	GOATS	SHEEP	SWINE	POULTRY	DAIRY
<u>Junior:</u> Seth Polacek	<u>Junior 1:</u> Brynn Glaenzer	<u>Junior:</u> Emma Schultheis	<u>Junior:</u> Kaleigh Halleran	<u>Junior:</u> Ty Johanning	<u>Junior:</u> Josie Goldschmidt	Preston Krack
<u>Senior:</u> Natalie Finke	<u>Junior 2:</u> Mia Schaefer	<u>Senior:</u> Ben Whelan	<u>Senior:</u> Cohen Brandt	<u>Intermediate:</u> Gracie Stechmesser	<u>Senior:</u> Oliver Valerius	
	<u>Intermediate:</u> Ava Gilbert			<u>Senior:</u> Jada Voelker		
	<u>Senior:</u> Luke Gilbert					

<u>Top Beef Rate-of-Gain</u> Josie Niebruegge	<u>Top Beef Carcass</u> Cohen Brandt	<u>Top Goat Rate-of-Gain</u> Cal Sutter
<u>Top Lamb Rate-of-Gain</u> Luke Lutman	<u>Top Lamb Carcass</u> Megan Vogt	

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SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER AWARDS

Top Rabbit: **Makayla Gummersheimer**

Top Beef/Dairy 8-12: **Cody Schmitz**

Top Beef/Dairy 13-18: **Emma Krebel**

Top Sheep/Goat 8-12: **Kaleigh Halleran**

Top Sheep/Goat 13-18: **Olivia Stechmesser**

Top Swine 8-12: **Gracie Stechmesser**

Top Swine 13-18: **Jada Voelker**

Top Poultry 8-12: **Elizabeth Koch**

Top Poultry 13-18: **Oliver Valerius**

Monroe County Cattleman's Award:

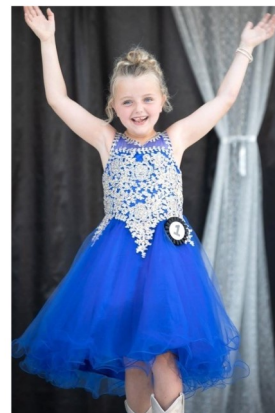
Emma Krebel

Shepherd's Award:

Garrett Brandt & Cohen Brandt

CONGRATS TO MONROE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN & LITTLE MISS CONTESTANTS!

4-H was well represented in the pageants at the Monroe County Fair this year! Four of the queen contestants were Monroe County 4-H members including **Sophia Dell** (Maeystown Clovers, Federation, Teen Teachers), **Lydia Henerfauth** (Maeystown Clovers, Federation, Teen Teachers), **Lydia Lutman** (Bushy Prairie, Federation, Teen Teachers) and **Mary Brinkmann** (Federation, Teen Teachers). All spoke highly of their experiences with 4-H and we are proud of their accomplishments! Congrats to **Sophia Dell** for being crowned Fair Queen and to **Lydia Henerfauth** as second runner up! In addition, Maeystown Clovers Cloverbud, **Blaklee Schwarze**, competed in the Little Miss Contest and was recognized for selling the most shirts!



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Master Showmanship Contest

Monroe County 4-H held their first ever Master Showmanship Contest at the county fair this year.

Placing top Master Showman was Olivia Stechmesser. Olivia was awarded a custom belt buckle sponsored by O/B Angus (c/o Matthew Brandt), and the opportunity to compete against other Master Showman across the state at the Illinois State Fair in August 12.

Lydia Henerfauth was chosen as the Alternate and was awarded a personalized livestock brush sponsored by GC Brandt Farms.

Great job to all of the participants including: Emma Krebel, Janella Neary, Olivia Stechmesser, Lydia Henerfauth, Riley Middendorf, Kaitlyn Ruwald, Brooke Mueller, Erin Halleran, Lydia Lutman, Chet Sutter, Cal Sutter, Garrett Brandt & Hudson Brandt

Thank you to the Contest Committee: Logan Henerfauth, Lydia Johanning, Lexi Mueller and James Neary for coordinating the contest.



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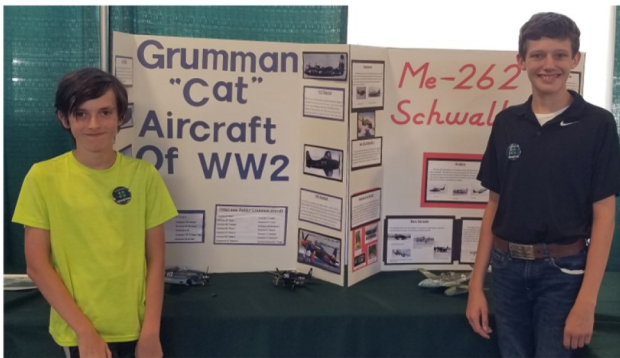
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ILLINOIS STATE FAIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Twenty-nine Monroe County 4-H members exhibited projects at the Illinois State Fair on August 12. The following youth received awards for their accomplishments:

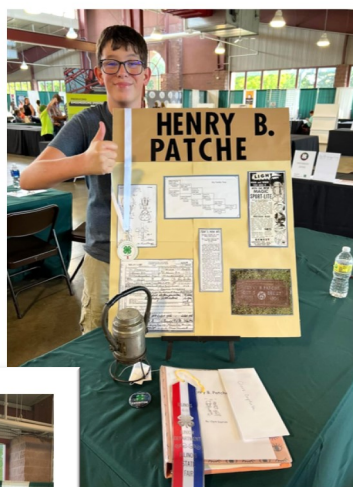
Champion—Valerie Branson, Emma Carter, Bailey DuChene, Kaleigh Halleran, Oscar Hoerr, Stanley Hoerr, Luke Kennedy, Riley McDermott; **Reserve Champion**—Natalie Finke, Andrew Gregson, Lane Shevlin; **Inspire**—Clark Deptula, Sophia Knobeloch, Ryley Stein, Maya Woodard

Great job to all including the other participants: Sydney Woodard, Chet Sutter, Cal Sutter, Caleb Seboldt, Riley Middendorf, Emma Krebel, Lillian Kolweier, Elizabeth Koch, Jack Kennedy, Tad Henry, Taryn Gregson, Carly DuChene, Ava Carter, Cohen Brandt.



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ILLINOIS STATE FAIR ACHIEVEMENTS



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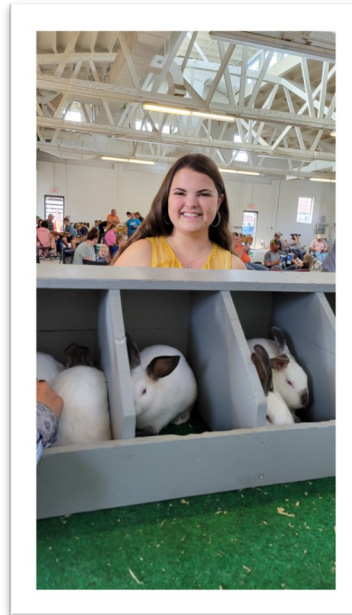
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ILLINOIS STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

The following 4-H members exhibited livestock at the Illinois State Fair:

Cohen Brandt, Garrett Brandt, Sophia Dell, Ava Gilbert, Erin Halleran, Kaleigh Halleran, Lydia Henerfauth, Luke Lutman, Lydia Lutman, Ty Schaefer & Cory Stumpf



4-H TEEN TEACHERS-SUMMER PROGRAMS

Great job to the following 4-H Teen Teachers who did Ag in the Classroom lessons and Fair Tours for local daycares this summer:

Bridgette Yearian

Megan Vogt

Payton Vest

Nora Duncan

Janella Neary

Taryn Gregson

Ali Kloeppel

Kristina Ferry

Danielle Mudd

Lydia Henerfauth

Brooke Mueller

Erin Halleran

Spencer Kempf

Caleb Seboldt

Valerie Branson



Caleb Seboldt talks to daycare students about swine at the fair.



Danielle Mudd leads students throughout the fair during the daycare tours.



Janella Neary provides a lesson on Vermicomposting.

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4-H JUNIOR NATURALIST CLUB GOES CAVING!



The Jr. Naturalist Club recently when on a cave exploration trip through Illinois Caverns in rural Monroe County. The club regularly meets April-September focusing on learning about local natural resources and is led by Sarah (Vogt) Powell.

AG TECH SCIENCE CAMP

Eleven youth participated in the Ag Tech Science Camp this summer at Baebler Educational Farm. The group planted different types of corn and met with various scientists and experts to learn about drones, agronomy and entomology. They also visited youth at the Jackie Joyner Kersee Center to compare activities that each group was doing. Finally, they completed their own research project and displayed it for scientists at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center at the conclusion of the camp in August.



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KIDS COOKING CLUB



**October 2022 to
May 2023**

third Tuesday
of each month
starting Oct. 18
3:15-5 p.m.

Grades 3-5

limited to 25 members

Cost \$50

(includes apron and food supplies)

Monroe County Annex

901 Illinois, Ave,
Waterloo

**TAKE HOME
NEW RECIPE
IDEAS!**

**MAKE & TRY
EASY SNACKS!**

THIS IS A 4-H SPIN CLUB AND ALL
STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE OFFICIAL
4-H ENROLLMENT

**Pre-register by October 14 at
go.illinois.edu/KidsCookingClub**

Call 939-3434 or email kjuelfs@illinois.edu
for more info.



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ARBA SANCTIONED RABBIT SHOW

Monroe County Rabbit Breeders Association will host an ARBA sanctioned rabbit show on
October 1, 2022

in the Commercial Building at the Monroe County Fairgrounds

For more info contact monroecorba@gmail.com



COMMUNITY BLESSING BOX EARNS BACKYARD BANDITS 4-H CLUB A FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS GRANT

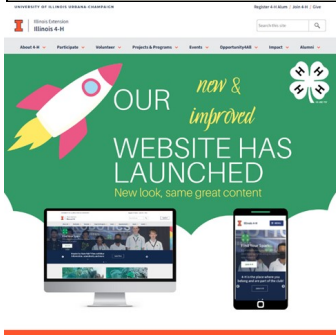
Farm Credit Illinois recently awarded a community improvement grant in the amount of \$500 to the Backyard Bandits 4-H club of Monroe County.

The club will use the grant funds to be able to keep their community blessing box full every month, while also teaching the committee members how to spend money wisely and care for the people in their town. The box also gives a place for other community members to leave donations, such as non-perishable food items and everyday necessities.



The Backyard Bandits 4-H club was one of 50 4-H clubs and FFA chapters to receive a community improvement grant. This year Farm Credit Illinois awarded a total of \$25,000 in grant funds to clubs and chapters making tangible contributions in their communities by implementing an improvement project.

Pictured above left to right: Avery Cope, Erin Halleran, Robin Steinmann (FCI), Kaleigh Halleran, Calvin Berg, and Lilly Walster.



NEW STATE 4-H WEBSITE!

The new State 4-H website is live! You'll still find all the info you need on projects, State Fair, events, and more ~ just with an updated look and cleaner navigation. Head to <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/> to check it out!



2022 JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun-filled event which provides junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th grades) a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H projects and leadership, such as communication, decision making, and teamwork while engaging in hands-on activities.

Conference Date: October 15-16, 2022

Conference location: Decatur Hotel & Conference Center, 4191 US 36 West, Decatur, IL 62522; Hotel phone: 217-422-8800

Open to: any 4-H member in 7th or 8th grade

Cost: \$185 (t-shirt, meals, conference supplies and activities)

Registration deadline: September 16, 2022

Registration is limited to the first 100 youth who register.

How to register: Participants may visit the event website, <https://go.illinois.edu/4hjlc>



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IS OCTOBER 2-8!

Mark your calendars for the 2022 National 4-H Week!

What has your club done in the past to celebrate that you think other clubs should know about? Share your ideas for a chance to be featured on a statewide idea sheet (with credit to your club!).

Share your idea here: <https://form.jotform.com/221983990346063>

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022-2023 4-H New Year Begins	Sept. 1
Award Applications, Livestock Record Books and Secretary & Treasurer Books DUE	Sept. 15, Monroe Co. Extension office
Teen Teacher Meeting	Sept. 15, 3:15 p.m., Monroe County Annex
Fall Leader Meeting	September 29, 6:30p.m., Monroe County Annex
2022-2023 4-H Enrollment begins	October
ARBA Sanctioned Rabbit Show	October 1, Monroe County Fairgrounds
National 4-H Week	October 2-8
4-H Week Proclamation Signing	October 3, 8:00a.m., Monroe County Courthouse
Federation New Member Party	October 6, 6:30 p.m. Baebler Educational Farm
State Junior Leadership Conference	October 14-16, Decatur
Kids Cooking Club begins	October 18, Monroe County Annex
Achievement Program	November 6, Monroe County Annex
EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED: Election Day	November 8
Harvest Night Dinner Auction	November 19, Hecker Community Center
EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED: Thanksgiving Holiday	November 24-25



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