

SEPTEMBER 2023

# 4-H FAMILY

# NEWS



## MONROE COUNTY

### THANK YOU FOR A GREAT 2023 4-H SUMMER SHOW SEASON!

Thank you to our summer interns:

**Ally Krebel, Madi Huebner, Megan Vogt, Sophia Dell, Kaitlyn Ruwald, and Brianna Riesing** for helping to teach programs & camps, assisting with 4-H exhibitions, helping at the Fair, and so much more!

We also extend our appreciation to our Extra Help Office Support, **Ann Glosecki, Kathy Reifschneider, and Rachel Koch** for helping to keep staff and programs organized this summer!



Thank you to the **70 businesses & individuals** who supported 4-H livestock members at the Youth Livestock Auction for a total of **\$235,413.75**.

Thank you to the **24 Judges and Assistants** who provided expertise and assistance at the summer shows.

Thank you to the **21 Livestock Superintendents** that put in so much time to make sure our members had a great exhibit experience at the Fair!

Thank you to the **237 members** who worked in the 4-H Concession Stand at the Fair to raise money for 4-H program fees and project books! Special thanks to **Amy Cope and Amy Halleran** for all the hours they put into managing the stand before, during, and after the Fair!

Over **3,000** ice cream cups and floats were sold at the 4-H Concession Stand.

Thank you to Oh Sugar!, Wal-Mart, Shelby's Automotive, Harrisonville Telephone Co., and State Bank of Waterloo for their support to the stand!

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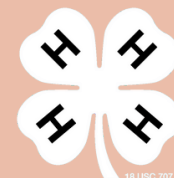
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## 2023-2024 4-H YEAR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1 ENROLLMENT BEGINS OCTOBER 1

The new 4-H year began on September 1, and 4-H enrollment will continue in the ZSuite system again this year!

Please watch your email for notification of when the site will be open for registering for your club(s) and project(s)!

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## LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

Record Books are due September 15 to your club leader or to the Extension office for evaluation.

**\*REMINDER: Members must complete a livestock record book in 2023 to be eligible to sell at the auction in 2024, except for 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 them 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 fill out the book.

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## COUNTY 4-H AWARD APPLICATION

The 4-H Award Application is designed for members to highlight 4-H accomplishments from Sept. 1, 2022-August 31, 2023.

All 4-H members are encouraged to fill out Award Application(s) to highlight their accomplishments for recognition by Sept. 15 to your club leader or the Extension office for judging.

Award Applications are found here: [https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe\\_AwardApp](https://go.illinois.edu/Monroe_AwardApp)

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## CLUB DOCUMENTS DUE

Don't forget--these are also due September 15:

- Treasurer Books & Secretary Books: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/library>  
Club Scrapbooks or Video Montages






# MONROE COUNTY FAIR



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[www.facebook.com/monroe.il.4H](http://www.facebook.com/monroe.il.4H)



## 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW ACHIEVEMENTS

	GRAND CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL	RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL
STEER	Emma Krebel	Danni Eschmann
GOAT	Chet Sutter	Kyle Kern
SHEEP	Cohen Brandt	Louis Hick
SWINE	Gracie Stechmesser	Caden Marquardt
POULTRY	Braydon Eckart	Kate Jones
RABBIT-SINGLE FRYER	Sophia Dell	Madeline Lluther
RABBIT-MEAT PEN	Braydon Eckart	Sophia Dell

### TOP RATE OF GAIN

*Beef: Cody Schmitz*

*Lamb: Lydia Lutman*

*Goat: Wyatt Landeck*

### TOP CARCASS

*Beef: Leah Shevlin*

*Lamb: Claire Simpson*

*Goat: Kelsey Braun*

### **Monroe County Cattleman's Award:**

*Derek DuChene*





## SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

RABBIT	BEEF	GOAT	SHEEP	SWINE	POULTRY
<p><u>Junior:</u> Lillian Kolweier</p> <p><u>Senior:</u> Seth Polacek</p>	<p><u>Junior 1</u> Greyson Kruse</p> <p><u>Junior 2</u> Emma Schultheis</p> <p><u>Intermediate</u> Cody Schmitz</p> <p><u>Senior</u> Ava Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Junior:</u> Wyatt Bergmann</p> <p><u>Senior:</u> Wyatt Ruwald</p>	<p><u>Junior:</u> Louis Hick</p> <p><u>Senior:</u> Erin Halleran</p>	<p><u>Junior:</u> Kehrington Schultheis</p> <p><u>Intermediate:</u> Ty Johannig</p> <p><u>Senior:</u> Gracie Stechmesser</p>	<p><u>Junior:</u> Elliot Koch</p> <p><u>Senior:</u> Elizabeth Koch</p>



## SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER TOP WINNERS



Sheep (8-12): Mikayla Krebel  
 Sheep 1st Place (13-18): Erin Halleran  
 Swine (8-12): Gracie Stechmesser  
 Swine (13-18): Jada Voelker  
 Poultry (8-12): Elliot Koch  
 Poultry (13-18): Elizabeth Koch  
 Cattle (8-12): Wyatt Ruwald  
 Cattle (13-18): Kaitlyn Ruwald  
 Rabbit (8-18): Sophia Dell



The Superior Young Producer medallions were sponsored by the family of Arlin Obst, former Monroe County Extension Ag Advisor.



## MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

**Erin Halleran** competed in the 4-H Master Showmanship Contest at the Illinois State Fair on August 11.

She was chosen as the Champion among 12 other Monroe County 4-H participants at the local contest held at the Monroe County Fair.

**Luke Gilbert** was chosen as the Reserve Champion.

At the State Fair, Erin competed against 58 other 4-H members across the state.

Participants were evaluated on their ability to handle animals, knowledge of species, and overall showmanship skills in the areas of cattle, swine, and sheep.

The Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio Network sponsored the state contest.



## 4-H HALL OF FAME: HEIDI RUWALD



Heidi Ruwald was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame at the Illinois State Fair on August 12 at a ceremony in the Orr Building on the State Fairgrounds with many friends and family in attendance.

Heidi was also honored locally at the Monroe County Fair volunteer dinner on August 21. Congrats Heidi!

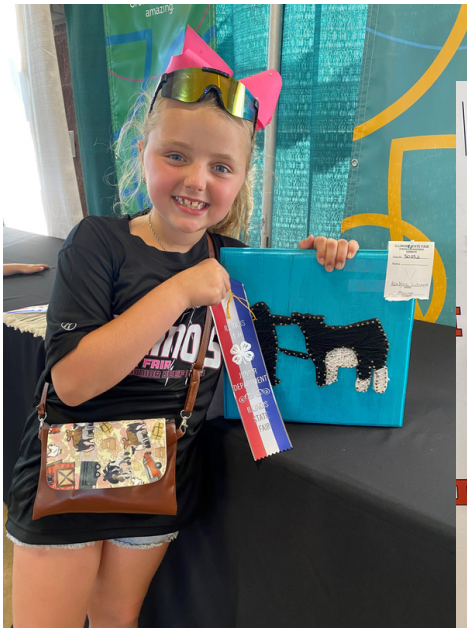


*Congratulations!*





## STATE FAIR



Twenty-four Monroe County 4-H members exhibited general projects at the IL State Fair on August 12, with seven members bringing home awards:

- Cohn Brandt-Woodworking: Inspire Award**
- Valerie Branson-Theater Arts: Reserve Champion**
- Emma Carter-Animal Science: Champion**
- Kaleigh Halleran-Entomology: Champion**
- Albert Hoerr- Visual Arts Plastic: Reserve Champion**
- Riley McDermott- Horticulture: Reserve Champion**
- Caleb Seboldt-Creative Writing: Reserve Champion**





# STATE FAIR



Eleven 4-H members exhibited livestock in Junior and Open shows at the Illinois State Fair:

- Garrett Brandt, Cohen Brandt, Erin Halleran, Kaleigh Halleran, Luke Lutman, Lydia Lutman – Sheep**
- Gracie Stechmesser – Swine**
- Sophia Dell – Rabbits**
- Greyson Kruse – Cattle**
- Ava Gilbert, Luke Gilbert – Cattle**







## 4-H RIBBON RECYCLING



We know you are all proud of your 4-H Ribbons, but do you have an overabundance you don't know what to do with? Consider recycling them! Bring any unwrinkled, un-faded 4-H ribbons to the Extension office, and we will re-use them next year!

## YOUTH COOKING SCHOOL

Eighty youth from Monroe County participated in Youth Cooking School over the summer. Participants learned about nutrition, food safety, and basic cooking skills while independently preparing recipes. Sessions were held in Waterloo and Columbia. Twenty-six youth competed in the 4-day Food Challenge. Monroe County Farm Bureau, Monroe County Pork Producers, and New Hanover HCE helped sponsor this program.





## AG TECH SCIENCE CAMP

Youth from Monroe County and the Jackie Joyner Kersee (JJK) Center took part in the Ag Tech Science Camp again this summer at the Baebler Educational Farm and the JJK Food, Agriculture, and Nutrition Innovation Center.

Participants worked together to monitor corn growth in urban and rural environments. They also learned about agricultural career opportunities from speakers and field trips in the industry. This camp was funded through the USDA in partnership with the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center and University of Illinois Extension.





## FEDERATION COMMUNITY SERVICE

The 4-H Federation group painted the Fine Arts building tables at the Fairgrounds in July as a community service project to thank the Fair Association for their support.



## FEDERATION SENIOR SENDOFF!

Federation held a recognition party at Baebler Educational Farm in August for the recently graduating 4-H Seniors. Best wishes to Madison Schneider, Taryn Gregson, Chet Sutter, Cal Sutter, Wyatt Landeck, and Garrett Brandt as they begin their next adventures!



**I****PHOTO  
CONTEST**

Help us 'complete the look' of the newly renovated MO CO Annex kitchen!



Send us your photos to help us decorate and show your love of Monroe County! We will choose one photo from each category to display.

**Categories**

- Monroe County Farmer's Market
- Baebler Educational Farm
- Historical buildings (Bellevue House, Peterstown House, etc)
- Farm animals
- Popular crops grown in Monroe County (pumpkins, corn, wheat, etc)

**CONTEST RULES**

1. Entries must be members of 4-H.
2. Photos may include animals but no human subjects. Think of pictures that you would want displayed in your kitchen.
3. The photo must be taken in Monroe County and from one of the categories listed.
4. The photo must be in its original state and cannot be altered in any way (No photoshop).
5. By entering the contest, entrants agree that photos submitted can be used on social media and displayed for public use.
6. Photo quality- please do not reduce photo size when e-mailing as these photos will be enlarged.



email photos to [kjuelfs@illinois.edu](mailto:kjuelfs@illinois.edu)

**DEADLINE: September 22, 2023**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 1 New 4-H Year Begins
- September 25 6:30p.m., Fall Club Leader Meeting, Monroe Co. Annex
- October 1-7 National 4-H Week
- October 1 ZSuite 4-H Online Enrollment Opens
- October 2 8:25a.m., 4-H Week Proclamation Signing, Monroe Co. Courthouse
- October 9 6:00p.m.Federation New Member Meeting, Baebler Edu. Farm
- October 7 9:00-11:00a.m.“4-H Find Out” booth, Monroe County Farmer’s Market
- November 5 4-H Achievement Program, Monroe Co. Annex
- November 18 Harvest Night Dinner Auction, Hecker Community Center



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