

# 4-H FAMILY

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY

APRIL 2024



# NEWS



## Happy Spring!

4-H Fair and Show Season is just around the corner! Check out all the upcoming events and information below.

Fair Registration will open from April 15 to June 30 at [faireentry.com](http://faireentry.com) online. More details will be emailed out to families in April.

Thank you,  
Meghan Cope | 4-H Program Coordinator Serving  
Madison and St. Clair Counties |  
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## 2024 St. Clair County 4-H Showbook

The 4-H Showbook is ready to view with show dates and project guidelines:

<https://go.illinois.edu/2024StClairShowBook>

Please register to exhibit your projects here (opens April 15th):

<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19714>

using these instructions:

<https://go.illinois.edu/2024StClairFairEntryInstructions>

(If you made a profile in Fair Entry last year, you should log in with the username/password you previously used.)

\*The St. Clair County Fair Showbook includes all general show projects and Livestock classes.

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## New Platform for QAEC!



**Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)**

This training is required for all members enrolled in:  
HORSE, RABBIT, POULTRY, DOG, CAT & SMALL PET  
projects shown live or via an Animal Science project.

<https://4h.zsuite.org/clover-academy>  
Choose: Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification

Certifications only need to be completed one time.  
Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

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## Livestock Record Books

The PDF versions of the books are found here: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock\\_record\\_writable.pdf](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock_record_writable.pdf)

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 through the process of filling the book out.

Books are due to the Extension office by September 15 for evaluation.



# Scholarships

## LESTER & LUCILLE KORSMEYER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: April 15, 2024**

Requirements:

- A high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years
  - 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, a history of 4-H involvement, and other school and community activities.

**The application is available at:**

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

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## GROWMARK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: April 15, 2024**

The GROWMARK Foundation will provide a total of (55) \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing agriculture and business-related degrees or certificates at colleges, universities, and technical schools in the United States and Ontario, Canada.

At the time of their application, students must be:

High School Senior OR Continuing Student

Enrolled in a university, community college, or technical school for fall 2024 in the United States or Ontario, Canada

Pursuing an agriculture or business-related degree/certificate.

[https://jobs.growmark.com/content/Scholarships/?locale=en\\_US](https://jobs.growmark.com/content/Scholarships/?locale=en_US)



# Public Speaking Contest

**Congratulations to all our 4-H Public Speaking Participants!  
These kids are amazing! All the speeches were so good.**

## State Fair Delegates:

- Nora Moore - Madison County
- Aynsleigh Shelton - Madison County
- Jilly Stoks - St. Clair County

Blue Ratings: Ella Simon, Aynsleigh Shelton, Nora Moore, Ava Williams, and Jilly Stoks



# 4-H Livestock Clinic

Youth rotated through six stations on beef, rabbits, goats, sheep, swine, and poultry. Each station discussed picking animals for the fair, equipment used to fit animals, and more. In the end, the youth participated in the YQCA training. Thank you to our 4-H livestock superintendents for leading each station. Also, thank you to the St. Clair Livestock Boosters for providing pizza and drink.



## Club Spotlight

The Emerald Clovers 4H Member Spotlight for the month of March is Charlotte Ruth. Charlotte is 11 years old and in 5th grade at Lebanon Elementary School. Charlotte has two younger brothers, David and Gideon. This is Charlotte's second year in 4H; she has been the Club Secretary both years. She even won an award for the Top Club Secretary Book for St. Clair County. Outside of 4H, she likes to hang out with friends and play sports. (Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer) Charlotte's favorite food is pizza, her favorite color is blue, and her favorite animal is the giraffe. This year at the Fair, she is going to do Cooking 201. Her favorite thing about 4H is making new friends and doing projects.

The Emerald Clovers 4H Club was awarded a grant to build a Memorial Butterfly Garden at the Emerald Mound Grange. Plans are being put together to get the project going.

The club plans to do some work on National Service Day, April 27th. The Emerald Clovers will participate in the Feed the Farmer Day on April 20th at Scheve Park in Mascoutah. The Emerald Clovers purchased tickets to attend the 4-H Day with the Cardinals in May. Holland Burress, the Education Member, gave a presentation on the benefits of running and how to do it safely. Four members gave demonstrations on the projects they plan to show at Fair.

At last month's meeting, the club ordered shirts. They should be handed out at the April meeting. The Emerald Clovers have been very busy and enjoying their time together.

Have a great Easter!



# #FEEDGREATNESS



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## SHOW CATTLE CLINIC



**Saturday, May 4th, 2024**  
9AM-12PM



**Register students**  
age 8 to 18 by April 20th



**Madison County Fairgrounds**  
2025 Park Hill Drive  
Highland, IL 62249



**FREE**



### Topics Include:

- Mastering Showmanship
- Animal Care 101
- Maximizing Average Daily Gain
- Record-keeping 101
- Nutrition & Show Supplements



Guest Speakers
Live Demos
Q&A
Games
Pizza

[Register Here](#)



### CONTACT US TODAY

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# MOCO SPRING SHOWCASE SHEEP SHOW

For more info, visit “MoCo Spring Showcase” on Facebook.

**APRIL 13TH, 2024**  
**MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
**4177 IL-156, WATERLOO, IL, 62298**

**ENTRY INFO**  
**\$15 PER HEAD**  
**\$25 LATE ENTRY FEE**  
**NO SHOWMANSHIP FEE**



*Open to all ages*  
*Market and breeding classes available Entry on Showman app opens 10/1-4/5 Late entry on showman open 4/6-4/11 Payouts determined by entries*  
*Weigh-in at 8:00 am on 4/13*  
*Papers required for breed classes*  
*See Facebook page for rules and more info.*

**Contact**

<i>Erin Halleran</i>	<i>Garrett Brandt</i>
<i>618-570-5514</i>	<i>618-340-2826</i>





# 4-H Day with the Cardinals Registration Extended

★ 21st Annual ★

# 4-H DAY

with the

# Cardinals

**TICKET ONLY**  
**\$30**  
\*All sales final  
**T-SHIRT INCLUDED!**



**SATURDAY**  
**18**  
**MAY**

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**CARDINALS**  **RED SOX**

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**4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the Red Sox!**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: EXTENDED TO APRIL 15**

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Additional raffle tickets available for \$1.00. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusions for additional prizes.)

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**REGISTER HERE:**

<https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2024>

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\*Please note - groups that wish to sit together **MUST** submit **ONE** order.

**TICKET/T-SHIRT QUESTIONS:** Contact Rhonda Shafer at [shaferr@missouri.edu](mailto:shaferr@missouri.edu)

**PARADE/RAFFLE QUESTIONS:** Contact Dave Hileman at [hilemand@missouri.edu](mailto:hilemand@missouri.edu)

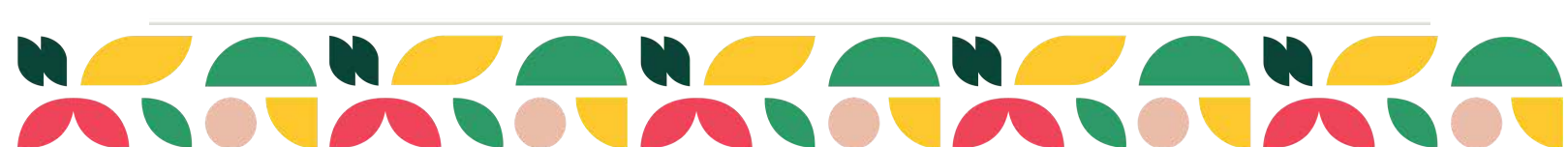


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# 4-H Feed the Farmers Event



The St. Clair County 4-H Ambassadors are organizing a lunch event to show appreciation for the farmers in St. Clair County. We want to express our gratitude to **Freeburg Country Mart** for preparing box meals for our local farmers. We will be providing box lunches that will include a sandwich, a bag of chips, a bottle of water, and a cookie.

If you are interested in helping with this event, please reach out to Emily Reece at [ereece@illinois.edu](mailto:ereece@illinois.edu) or call 217-333-0569.

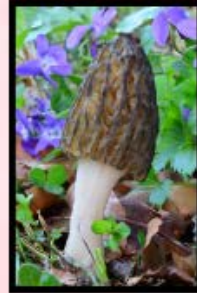
**Farmers Register Here:**

<https://go.illinois.edu/FeedtheFarmerRegistration2024>



**Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 11**





## 4-H Spring Photography Contest

Submit your digital spring photograph by May 1 to [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)  
Please include the 4-H members name, county they are apart of 4-H in, and their clubs name.

### Rules:

Take a picture with a spring theme.

Photograph must be taken by 4-H member.

2 age Groups- Cloverbuds age 5-7 & 8-18

One entry per member

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both age groups!

Open to Madison and St. Clair County 4-H

Questions should be directed to Meghan at [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)



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Winners announced and pictures displayed on county 4-H  
Facebook page.



# YOUTH COOKING SCHOOL



## Youth Cooking School 2024



Ages  
9-14

Youth will learn basic cooking skills, kitchen and food safety, nutrition tips and prepare tasty recipes guaranteed to impress the whole family! YCS in 2024 is sure to be a magical experience!



Cost  
\$65

### STEP 1: Choose your date and location

**June 3-6 Waterloo, IL**

Immanuel Lutheran Church

**June 10-13 Hecker, IL**

Hecker Commercial Club

**June 24-27 Columbia, IL**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### STEP 2: Choose your session

Morning: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

### STEP 3: Register at:

[go.illinois.edu/YouthCookingSchool2024](http://go.illinois.edu/YouthCookingSchool2024)

For more experienced Chefs,  
register for the:

### FOOD CHALLENGE

Ages 11-15

Cost \$60

**July 16-18 Waterloo, IL**

Monroe County Annex



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# PRESCRIBED FIRE WORKSHOP

**Tuesday April 23, 2024**  
**6:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**901 Illinois Ave, Waterloo, IL 62298**

**Co-sponsored by Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever!**

● **Historical Fire History**

*Grasslands and forests*

● **Prescribed Fire Benefits**

*Prairie restoration, Oak forest restoration*

● **Basic Fire Behavior**

*Fuel, Topography, Wind, Relative humidity, Temperature*

● **Burn Plan Writing Basics**

*Objectives, Maps, Burn prescription, Firebreaks, Ignition plan, Equipment & crew, Safety plan, Smoke management, Public safety and neighbor notifications, Mop up standards, Evaluation and monitoring*



**Register by calling 618-939-3434 or emailing [ruth1@illinois.edu](mailto:ruth1@illinois.edu)!**



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April 2024

- April 3 Spring Leaders Meeting

### May 2024

- May 1 4-H Spring Photography Contest Due
- May 4 Show Cattle Clinic
- May 18 - 4-H Day with the Cardinals

### June 2024

- June 10 Fair Entry Night 5:30-7 pm

### July 2024

- 4-H Set Up Night - July 31 at 6 pm

### August 2024

- August 1 - 4-H Show-A-Rama at 5:30 pm
- August 2- 4-H Rabbit Show at 9 am
- August 2- 4-H Poultry Show at 1 pm
- August 2 - 4-H Swine Show at 6 pm
- August 3 - 4-H Beef Show at 7:30 am
- August 3- 4-H Dairy Show – following beef show
- August 3 - 4-H Sheep Show – following dairy show
- August 3 - 4-H Goat Show – following sheep show
- August 4 - 4-H Super Showmanship at 10:30 am
- August 4 -4-H Project Pick Up at 12 pm – 1:30 pm



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