

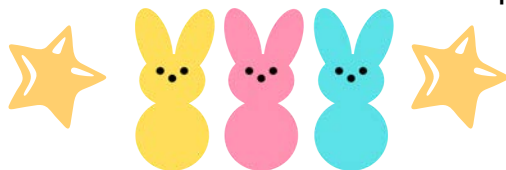
4-H FAMILY ST. CLAIR COUNTY APRIL 2025 NEWS



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 fairentry.com online. More details will be emailed out to families in April.



2025 St. Clair County 4-H Showbook

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

<https://go.illinois.edu/2025StClairCounty4-HShowbook>

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

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/21236>

using these instructions:

<https://go.illinois.edu/2025StClairCountyFairEntryInstructions>

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

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Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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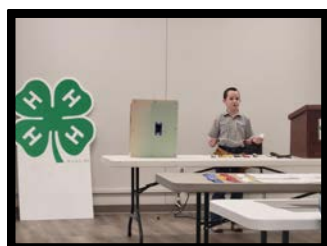
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Public Speaking Contest

On March 10th, we had 13 4-Hers present in the Madison and St. Clair County 4-H Public Speaking Contest. Everyone did an amazing job!

State Fair Delegates: Ava Meyer (Madison), Emma Meyer (Madison), Jilly Stoks (St. Clair), and Savannah Nitecki (Madison)



QAEC Training

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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YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) TRAINING



FOR MEMBERS ENROLLED IN
BEEF, DAIRY, GOAT, SHEEP & SWINE PROJECTS

There will not be a Instructor Led Training in St. Clair County this year. Youth are more than welcome to join an Instructor Led Training in a different county depending on their availability or participate in the Web-Based training.

THE WEB-BASED TRAINING: YQCAPROGRAM.ORG

NEW members:

Register for a new account under a parent name and fill out all required fields.

Confirm your account through a link sent to your email.

Click on the blue "Add Child" button on the YQCA website and enter required fields for each child participating in the YQCA training.

Next, click on your user name in the blue box in the upper right hand corner.

RETURNING members:

Sign in with their previous username and password.

Choose "Enrolled ILT Trainings" from the dropdown list.

Click on the blue "Go to Courses" button.

Click on the blue button indicating child's age next to his/her name.

Choose appropriate age and either "Instructor Led Training" for \$3 OR "Web Based Training" for \$12.

Next, choose participants name, state and training date.

Training must be paid for via credit/debit card. If this option is not available for your family, please contact the Extension office asap.

Repeat registration process for each family member required to take the training.



This training is required to exhibit and sell beef, dairy, goat, sheep or swine at the St. Clair Fair per USDA requirements.

Please call the Extension office at 618-344-4230 with any questions.

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LESTER & LUCILLE KORSMEYER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2025

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.
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- The application is available at: <https://go.illinois.edu/Korsmeyer>
 - Reference Form: <https://go.illinois.edu/KorsmeyerReference>

NATIONAL 4-H DAY OF SERVICE

As part of True Leaders in Service and National Volunteer Appreciation Month, 4-H members and clubs are requested to register all service outreach efforts they plan to conduct between
March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025.

Register your service project here:
<https://form.jotform.com/250294683429162>



Bring this flyer with you or tell your server or cashier you are there for Dine & Shop



DINE & SHOP DONATE at Eckert's

Eckerts will donate 15% off purchases
To Benefit: St. Clair County Extension and
Education Foundation

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Store: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Restaurant 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Valid Only At:

**Eckert's Store, Restaurant, Custard Shop, Garden
Center & Cider Shed**

951 S Greenmount Rd Belleville, IL



Cream of the Crop Photography Workshop

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

starting at 6:30 pm in Eckert's Country Restaurant

Registration Link:

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

The "Cream of the Crop Photo Contest" is an annual photography competition for young people ages 8-18 that showcases Illinois agriculture. Our presentation is 30-60 minutes long with a Q & A session. At the Illinois State Treasurer's Office, we are excited to share with your 4-H Clubs about our upcoming photo contest.



LIVESTOCK BOOSTERS OF SAINT CLAIR COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the Livestock Boosters of Saint Clair County award a scholarship(s) in honor of Ryan Range, the son of Bill and Jana Range. In 1997, Ryan lost his battle with cancer. Throughout his years in 4-H, Ryan was very active with 4-H, even throughout his illness.

He was a mentor to other 4-H participants and set a level of standards for others to follow. After his passing, a group of committee members decided they wanted to do something in his honor. They gathered donations and purchased the first hog sold in the livestock auction. After the purchase, they stopped the auction to announce the Ryan Range Memorial Scholarship creation to Bill and Jana.

Scholarship Rules:

1. Scholarship is open only to high school seniors or college freshmen who have participated in the 4-H Livestock Auction for two consecutive years or more, including the current year.
2. Applicant must submit a two-page typed paper, double-spaced, with proper grammar and punctuation on either the topic of "Your current livestock project" or "What 4-H has meant to you".
3. Papers are **due May 1, 2025** to:

Email: Livestockboosters@gmail.com

or

Dan Sliment

7062 Funk School Road

Freeburg, IL 62243

4. You can only win once. Only one scholarship per individual.
5. A mandatory personal interview with Judges must be completed. The topic is "What I have learned in 4-H".
6. Three Judges to be selected by the Livestock Boosters of Saint Clair County Scholarship Committee.
7. Judges will rank the applicants based on the paper submitted and the interview. The number of scholarships awarded can vary based on the available funds raised from the previous year.
8. The winner (s) will be announced at the Livestock Auction on Saturday, August 2, 2025.
9. Scholarship money will be disbursed upon proof of full-time enrollment in a vocational or accredited college.
10. Scholarship will be awarded as follows: 50% on the paper submitted and 50% on the interview.



22nd Annual 4-H DAY

with the
Cardinals

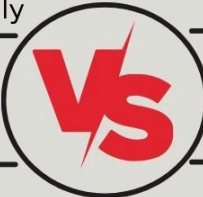
TICKET ONLY
\$26
*All sales final
T-SHIRT INCLUDED!



SATURDAY
24
MAY

*payment is by credit card only

CARDINALS



DIAMONDBACKS

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 Diamondbacks!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 21

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Each ticket order enters your name into a drawing to win autographed baseballs and other prizes. One 4-H Member from Missouri and one 4-H Member from Illinois will be drawn to throw out the first pitch! Winners will be notified after May 7 and prizes will be mailed after the game.

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

REGISTER HERE:

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

TICKET/T-SHIRT QUESTIONS? Contact Rhonda Shafer at shaferr@missouri.edu

PARADE/RAFFLE QUESTIONS? Contact Tanner Adkins at tadkins@missouri.edu



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MOCO SPRING SHOWCASE SHEEP SHOW

APRIL 12TH, 2025

MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

4177 IL-156, WATERLOO, IL, 62298

ENTRY INFO

\$15 PER HEAD

\$25 LATE ENTRY FEE

NO SHOWMANSHIP FEE



***Open to all juniors 21 and under
Market and breeding classes available***

Entry on Showman app opens 1/1

Payouts determined by entries

Papers required for breed classes

See Facebook page for rules and more info

Contact

Erin Halleran Garrett Brandt

618-570-5514 618-340-2826



4-H Livestock Record Book Common Questions

Who has to turn in a livestock record book?

It is mandatory for any 4-H member who is participating in a livestock market class to complete a livestock record book.

Where do I find the livestock record book?

You can get the livestock record book on the Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties web-page at https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock_record_writable.pdf.

Is there a tip sheet on how to fill out the livestock record book?

Yes, the tip sheet can be found here:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2020_livestock_record_book_instruction_guide.pdf.

If I show in multiple livestock species for a market class, do I have to have one per each species?

If a 4-H member is showing multiple species in a market class, they must fill out a separate livestock record book for each species.

If I have more than one market animal in same species, can they be put on the same livestock record book?

If a 4-H member is showing multiple animals within the same species for a market class, they can choose to fill out the livestock record book for just one market animal, both market animals, or for the entire herd. For example, if a youth is showing two market wethers in the goat category, they can choose to fill out the record book for only one of them or include both animals in the same book. They can even add in their whole herd to the livestock record book if they want to.

When are livestock record books due?

4-H members must submit their record books to the Extension Office by September 15, 2025.

What happens if I do not submit my livestock record book?

4-H members who do not submit a livestock record book by Sept. 15, 2025, will not be able to show in that livestock market class for the 2026 4-H Show.

Who is keeping track of who has to turn in a livestock record book?

4-H staff are keeping track of who has to turn in a livestock record book.

Do 4-H leaders have to check livestock record books before the 4-H shows?

Leaders are encouraged to check in with the 4-H members to see if they have started their record books or need assistance. If help is needed, please refer to the attached tip sheet or contact our unit email (uie-mms@illinois.edu) to reach one of our 4-H staff for support.



LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

All members are highly encouraged to fill out a 4-H Record Book for livestock and/or horse projects exhibiting at a 4-H Show.

It is REQUIRED to fill out 4-H Record Books for any livestock that members are showing in a market class.

Members must complete a livestock record book for the current year to be eligible to show in a market class for the preceding year.

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. It will help you through the process of filling out the book.

Books are due to the Extension office by
September 15.



840 TAGS IN BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, AND SWINE

We are excited about our new 4-H year and hope you are, too! We have a couple of changes for livestock that we would like to bring to your attention as the new year has begun.

840 Tag Requirement

New this year, all swine, beef, and dairy cattle must have a USDA official animal identification number ear tag (840 tag). The tag must be both visually and electronically readable. We know that there will be many questions, so here are a few answers to some basic questions:

- Who must have the 840 tag?
 - Beef – all heifers, all cows, and all steers being exhibited at the fair
 - Dairy Cattle – all heifers, all cows, all steers, and all calves being exhibited at the fair
 - Swine – all gilts and all barrows being exhibited at the fair
- Where do I get the 840 tag?
 - Breeder in which you purchased your animal from (up to breeder)
 - Local Veterinarian
 - Purchase tag from a farm supply store (Valley Vet, Nasco)
 - Purchase from Department of Agriculture:
<https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/premises-registration.html>
- How do I purchase my own tags?
 - The location of where the animal is being kept will have to have a registered Premise ID with the state of Illinois. With the Premise ID, you will be able to purchase tags from a farm supply store such as Valley Vet, Nasco, or the Department of Agriculture.
- We don't have a Premise ID, which hasn't been updated. What do we do?
 - You can obtain an application from the Illinois Department of Agriculture and send it in. The turnaround time is very quick.
 - If you have a Premise ID but need it updated, contact agr.premises@illinois.gov, and she will help you!
 - If you need a new Premise ID, you can log onto <https://agr.illinois.gov> and search for "Fillable Premise Form," then fill it out and email it to the address listed on the form.
- Will tags be checked when we arrive at the show?
 - Yes, superintendents will be checking that all beef, dairy cattle, and swine have the tag.
 - If an animal does not have a tag, it is not allowed to be on the fairgrounds.
 - There is a chance that a State employee will be at the show monitoring that tags are checked, and if they are not, then 4-H and the fairgrounds can be fined.



2024-2025 4-H HANDBOOK

Need to know more about...

- Project selection
- 4-H Shows
- Member expectations
- Livestock requirements
- Where to go for questions



Check out the St. Clair County 4-H Handbook:

<https://go.illinois.edu/StClairCounty4-HHandbook>.

2024-2025 4-H MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

Youth **five through seven years of age, on or before September 1** of the current 4-H year, may enroll in 4-H Cloverbud groups.

Youth who are **eight and have yet to reach their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1** may enroll in 4-H clubs.

A youth who enrolls in a St. Clair County 4-H club must:

- **Attend at least four meetings** to be called a 4-H member. Youth who do not comply are not eligible to participate in 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums, or other 4-H awards and recognitions available to 4-H members. **(College students can be enrolled when they live away from home and must attend at least one meeting when they are home on breaks or virtually.)**
- **Present a talk or demonstration at a club meeting during the project year.**
- **Youth enrolled in a livestock market class must turn in a livestock record book by September 15. If not completed by September 15, the youth cannot participate in a livestock market class the following year.**
- Complete enrollment by **January 15 to exhibit projects at 4-H shows.** Youth may enroll after this date but are not eligible to exhibit projects at shows. Projects can be added up to this deadline, but the addition of projects is not accepted online after this date (except for SPIN Clubs).



Dear 4-H Families,

The St. Clair County Extension and Education Foundation has a new online fundraising campaign that uses the website GiveButter.

<https://givebutter.com/StClairCoExtEd24-25> The website will hopefully make it simpler for supporters to donate. It also makes it easier to share the fundraiser with family, friends, and community partners interested in donating and supporting Extension programs in St. Clair County. The website allows individuals to make a one-time donation or donations throughout the year. You can pay with a credit card, PayPal, or Venmo. When you make a contribution, you will have the opportunity to write a message on the event website, or you can be anonymous.

The GiveButter website replaces the direct mailer donation request sent in previous years. If you would like to contribute to the Foundation but prefer not to use the GiveButter website, please make your check payable to St. Clair County Extension and Education Foundation and mail it to P.O. Box 117, Waterloo, IL 62298.

The St. Clair County Extension and Education Foundation makes an annual financial contribution to Illinois Extension. That contribution supports local programs serving St. Clair County. The Foundation has organized fundraisers throughout the year, including the Gardens in Bloom tour and the 4-H T-shirt sale.

If you have any questions about the Foundation or if you are interested in serving on the Foundation and organizing fundraising events, please let me know. I am happy to connect you with a Board member.

Thank you,
Meghan Cope



EDWARDSVILLE OFFICE UPDATE:

THE MADISON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE IN EDWARDSVILLE WILL BE UNDER IRREGULAR AND LIMITED OFFICE HOURS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

OUR UPDATED HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

 **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY:**
(8:00 AM - 4:30 PM) (CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12-1 PM)

 **TUESDAY & FRIDAY:**
(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, YOU CAN REACH US AT 618-344-4230 OR EMAIL US AT UIE-MMS@ILLINOIS.EDU.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.



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St. Clair County Shooting Sports 4-H Clubs

Are you interested in joining a St. Clair County 4-H Shooting Sports Club? Below are our clubs that you can join. If you have any questions, contact Meghan Cope via email at mawolff@illinois.edu.

4-H Blasters Rifle Shooting Sports Club

Meeting: 1st Saturday of
the month
Discipline- Rifle
Location: Lebanon
Leader: Ryan Stoks
(rstoksdadd@gmail.com)

St. Clair Hot Shots Archery Shooting Sports Club

Meeting: 1st Saturday of the
month
Description: Archery
Meeting Date: Lebanon
Leader: Ryan Stoks
(rstoksdadd@gmail.com)





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

April 2 - Leaders Spring Meeting 6:30 pm at St. Clair County Farm Bureau

May

- May 6 - Dine & Shop at Eckert's 6:30p Photography Workshop
- May 10 - Unit 4-H Horse Show at Monroe County Fairgrounds

July

- July 31 - General Project Show at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- August 1 - Rabbit Show at 9 am at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- August 1 - Poultry Show at 1 pm at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- August 1 - Swine Show at 6 pm at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- August 2 - Beef Show at 7:30 am at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- August 2 - Dairy Cattle Show to follow Beef Show
- August 2 - Sheep Show to follow Dairy Cattle Show
- August 2 - Goat Show to follow the Sheep Showg Building
- August 3 - Master Showmanship at the Mascoutah Ag Building



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