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**ST. CLAIR COUNTY
4-H Family News**



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Newsletters compiled by Angie Abernathy. Please contact me with any questions at angielyn@illinois.edu.



We have youth trained to teach Ag Innovators!

This is a 1 hour escape box challenge that teaches about Agricultural Innovations in a fun and engaging way.

Youth work together in groups of 6-8 to solve Ag puzzles.

Every youth that participates gets an Ag Rubik's cube to take home.

If you would like us to come to one of your 4-H club meetings and have your members try to unlock the mysteries, reach out to Angie Abernathy at angielyn@illinois.edu.



You can sign up to do the challenge on April 30 for Global Youth Service Day too...see flyer!

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.

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1606 Eastport Plaza Dr., Suite 100
Collinsville, IL 62234
618-344-4230, 618-344-5602 Fax

FairEntry

**IF YOU ARE SHOWING PROJECTS AT THE FAIR,
IT IS TIME TO REGISTER THEM IN FAIR ENTRY!**

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/16568>

You can find registration instructions here:

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

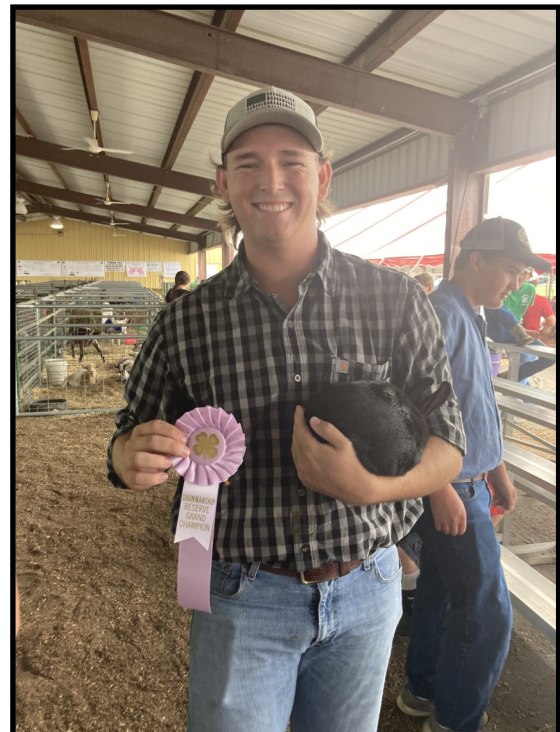
If you are showing any projects this year, you must complete this final step. Be sure to refer to the Madison County Show Book to find your project requirements:

Show Book:

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

If you have questions about classes, birthdates, breeds, etc. please refer to the Livestock Show Book:

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





If you are showing cattle, swine, sheep, or goats, then you will need to complete the YQCA training. We have in-person trainings available for only \$3.

April 14: 7pm in the Ag. Bldg. at Scheve Park in Mascoutah

April 20: 7pm in Expo Hall at Madison County Fairgrounds

Register here: <https://yqcaprogram.org>

If you cannot attend an in-person training, then please complete your online training by May 1st.



If you are enrolled in any animal project, then you will need to complete the free QAEC training. If you have already had this training in the past then you do not have to take it again. Please complete it by May 1 in order to show your projects.

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>



If you are caring for a livestock animal please remember to start filling out your Livestock Record Book.

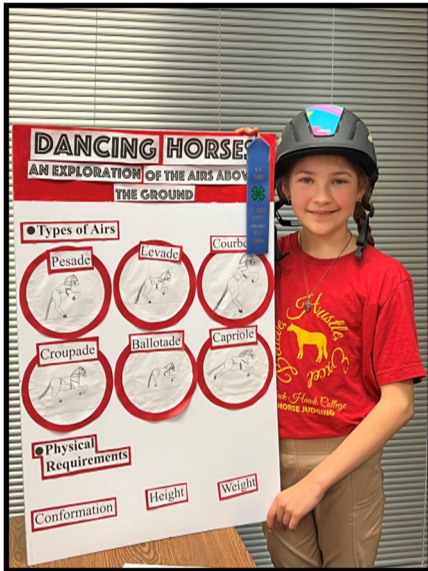
<https://go.illinois.edu/livestockbook>

YQCA teaches you about the importance of maintaining good records on your animals. If you turn this in to the Extension office by September 15, you will receive additional recognition in the form of certificates and pins.



Madison & St. Clair Public Speaking Event

We had 9 youth from the two counties participate in our public speaking contest on March 15 and 5 of those youth will be representing us at State!



Congratulations to all of our speakers, they were all amazing and it was a very difficult decision for the judges!

Thanks also to Sandy Ohren and Rosemary Dorsey for judging and giving such wonderful feedback.

St. Clair State Fair Advancers:

Kevin Patrick Kapelski

Eleanor Pierson

Madison State Fair Advancers:

Keira Winterich

Arianna Johnson

Hadassah Hobson

Congratulations and Good Luck at State!

FEED THE FARMER



The St. Clair 4-H Ambassadors along with the Farm Bureau hosted a "Feed the Farmer" event on March 26. Country Mart in Freeburg put together 85 box lunches for us to hand out that day that included a ham and cheese sub sandwich, chips, a cookie, and a bottle of water.

We really enjoyed being able to give back to the community with help from our financial sponsors! We utilized a \$600 grant from the Farm Bureau and a \$250 grant from the Illinois Pork Producers to purchase the box lunches.

We thank these two wonderful organizations for working with us and allowing us to build deeper relationships with them and with the community.



Illinois Pork Producers.
Generations of Commitment.

County Calendar of Events

April 14	YQCA Training in the Ag. Building at Scheve Park at 6PM: https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login
April 20	YQCA Training in Expo Hall at Highland Fairgrounds: https://yqcaprogram.org
April 24	Dog obedience classes begin at Got Your Six in Maryville at 2pm
April 30	Global Youth Service Day at Turkey Hill Grange 9-noon...see flyer
May 1	Dog obedience classes at Got Your Six in Maryville at 2pm
May 10	Eckert's Dine to Donate for St. Clair Foundation...see flyer
May 14	4-H Day with the Cardinals: https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022 ...see flyer
May 15	Dog obedience classes at Got Your Six in Maryville at 2pm
May 22	Dog obedience classes at Got Your Six in Maryville at 2pm
June 12	4-H Dog Show at Got Your Six Support Dogs: https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/dog_entry_form_1.pdf ...see flyer

THE **NRA** FOUNDATION

T E A C H F R E E D O M

I would like to give a huge thank you to the NRA Foundation for funding another grant for Madison & St. Clair counties. We will be adding the following to our shooting sports program:

*2 boxes of shotgun shells, *5 air rifles, *5 air pistols, *2 left handed bow and arrow sets, *3 archery bag target stands.

Their support makes a huge difference to our programs and the number of youth that we can reach!

"To Make the Best Better"



4-H is a family affair for many! We want to encourage you, as a multi-generational 4-H family, to nominate your family for the Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award.

Here is a link to our website that outlines specific requirements for the award:

[Illinois 4-H Foundation Family Spirit Award](#)

Please [contact us](#) with any questions. **The deadline to apply for the 2022 Family Spirit award is May 1, 2022.**

We look forward to hearing from you and reading about your family's 4-H story!

True Leaders in Equity Institute

Empowering youth/adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership

opportunity on July 11-14 in Bethesda, MD. challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4-H in their communities.

National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. Apply by June 6.

[Register Now.](#)



Save the Date: 4-H Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health

4-H youth development can play an important role in supporting youth mental health, but many 4-H professionals are uncertain of how to provide 4-H programs around this topic.

Join the 2022 4-H PYD Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health to better understand the current landscape of youth mental health, the supporting role of 4-H and personal competencies for effective PYD practice.

[Learn more here.](#)

4-H at Home



How do you teach kids what data is? Show them. In the latest 4-H at Home activity, kids can learn exactly what the internet is with the help of augmented reality to visualize all those bits and bytes.

[Get started here.](#)

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

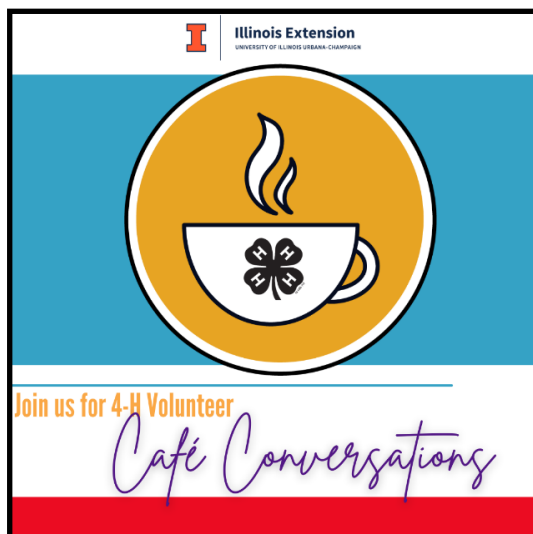
Registration now open:

Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp,
Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's
Club, Colona, IL. (NW)



Training fee is \$50, email angielyn@illinois.edu to register.



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 and share both ideas and challenges.

Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

1. **Be Our Guest!**
2. **Under FAIR Pressure!**

Link to register for the **May 19, 2022** Volunteer Café Conversation:
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=25159>



ILLINOIS 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they roll up their sleeves and put the 4-H Pledge into action working toward positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. **The True Leaders in Service Day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022!**

Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4th "H" and pledge your HANDS to larger service! Service projects can be the work of individuals, 4-H clubs, or planned as a county-wide service project. No matter what project you feel is needed most in your community – this will be a day to make a difference!

Please use this link to register your Community Service event: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>

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!

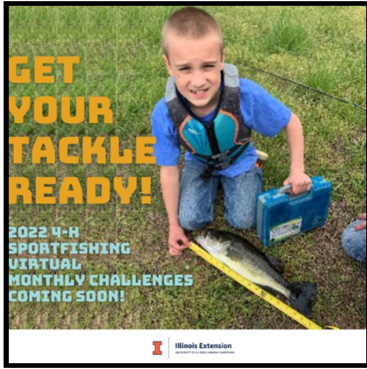
***This qualifies as a national event!**



4-H Equity Challenge

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+.

[Learn more here.](#)



GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year.

[Registration Information](#)

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>



Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK.

February 1 – April 30, visit a local @JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to @4-H. joann.com/4-H/ #JOANNhearts4H.

Get your @4-H Rewards Card today! Stop by a local @JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H! joann.com/4-H/



Illinois RiverWatch has 15 training sessions set up for March and April each in a different county in Illinois.

To learn more, visit their official website at: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>

This is a tremendous opportunity to become an aquatic citizen scientist! Ask for the 4-H discount off their regular fee.

This is a great, long lasting club activity!

ILLINOIS STATE 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

We are currently looking for Judges and Volunteers for the State Public Speaking Contest on April 30 at Parkland College in Champaign.

Registration for Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Volunteers & Judges: go.illinois.edu/4hpublicspeakingvolunteer

Types of Volunteers needed:

- Judge-Formal, Illustrated, Original Works, Oral Interpretation.
- Assistant to the Judge-assist the judge with scoresheets, time keeping, etc.
- Door Monitor-Assist with opening and closing speaking room doors at appropriate times and keep track of schedule.
- Registration Table-Assist with check-in of participants. Escort participants to the room where they will speak.



4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Youth Camp

Registration for our Summer Youth Camps at 4-H Memorial Camp is underway! We still have spaces for female campers for each session. We have filled all of our spots for male campers but have started waiting lists for each session in case any spots open up. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

Camp Dates

June 5-9, 2022
 June 12-16, 2022
 July 5-9, 2022
 July 17-21, 2022



Program details and registration materials are available on our website:
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp>

To see pictures of past youth camps, please visit our [Facebook](#) page.

If you have any questions or would like to get your male camper on a waiting list, please contact:

Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu

4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

We are still looking for additional camp staff and counselors! 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.

Arts & Crafts program staff (18 years old minimum)

Dates: Mid May-July 29

Details: This paid position includes room and board.

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Dates

May 31-June 4	Training
June 5-9	Youth Camp Session 1
June 12-16	Youth Camp Session 2
June 26-July 1	Camp Corral
July 5-9	Youth Camp Session 3
July 17-21	Youth Camp Session 4

Details: This paid position includes room and board for the above session dates.

Kitchen Workers (Hourly positions)

Dates: End of May thorough Mid-August

Duties: Wash dishes, sweep/mop floors, help with setup/cleanup of meals, and other duties as assigned.

Breakfast/Lunch and Afternoon/Dinner shifts.

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.



Family Camp Spring 2022



Family Camp is back for 2022! If you have been hearing about how much fun families had at 4-H Memorial Camp last summer and wanted a chance to experience it yourself, now is your chance. May 20-22, 2022 we will be holding a Spring Family Camp weekend. Your family will get to stay in their own cabin, have all meals provided from Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch, and get to participate in all the fun activities we have planned including swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, rock climbing, fun S.T.E.M. activities, hikes, etc. You can find pictures of last year's Family Camp on our [Facebook Page](#).

Dates: May 20-22

Fees:

Cabin Rental- \$210
 Participant Fee- 8 years old and older: \$81/person
 4-7 years old: \$54/person
 Under 3- No Charge

***At least one child must be 4-H Age (5-18)**

Each cabin has 10 beds

More information and registration forms can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp Website <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu (217) 762-2741



Host an international youth this summer- Sign up soon as spots are limited

International students come to IL each summer and stay with a host family for about 4 weeks. Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language, all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives

on their own country, too! Families are needed for July 23 through August 18 (tentative dates). Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program.

Students are matched with a host sibling by age gender and interests. So families hosting, must have a child between the ages of 12-18.

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

For more information or to apply, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois S4-H

Coordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.

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State Calendar of Events

April	Crappie State 4-H Tournament https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php
April 23	True Leaders in Service Day
April 6-7	Legislative Connection
April 16	Robotics Competition
April 23	True Leaders Day of Service
April 23	State Hippology & Speech contests at University of Illinois campus
April 24	State Horse Bowl contest at University of Illinois campus
April 30	State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Parkland College, Champaign
May	Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
May 1	Deadline to apply for the 4-H Family Spirit Award: https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award
May 7	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training-4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL.
May 19	4-H Volunteer Café Conversations
June	Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament
June 5-9	4-H Memorial Camp Week 1 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping
June 12-16	4-H Memorial Camp Week 2 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping
June 20	State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion
July 5-9	4-H Memorial Camp Week 3 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping
July 16	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training-Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL.
July 17-21	4-H Memorial Camp Week 4 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping
July 24-30	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show
August 10	SYPA General Livestock
August 12-24	State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
August 13-15	Illinois State Fair
August 20	State Superior Young Producer Contest Dairy & State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
August 27	State 4-H Dog Show at Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center, Dixon IL

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4-H BLASTERS RIFLE CLUB SAFETY TRAINING

Join us on April 9th at 1:30 PM at the
O'Fallon Sportsmen Club located at 1018
Scott Troy Rd, Lebanon, IL.

Please join us for this mandatory safety course.
This training is mandatory to shoot/compete in 4-H
events. You will need to bring the following items
with you:

- *Safety eye wear
- *Ear protection

For more information please contact Ryan Stoks at
ryan.stoks@us.af.mil



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**Saturday, April 30
9am-Noon
Turkey Hill Grange,
Belleville**

If you like escape rooms then you will love participating in this Ag Innovators Escape Box challenge! Perfect for youth ages 12 and up. Sign up with friends or come alone and we will put you in a team with 6-8 other youth.

Participate in our Community Service stations to benefit Meals on Wheels and local nursing facilities:

- Create notes of encouragement
- Decorate paper sacks
- Create "thinking of you" cards

**Register by April 25:
<https://go.illinois.edu/GlobalYouthServiceDay>**

This event is FREE with a donation of 2 canned goods for a local food pantry

ALL YOUTH PARTICIPANTS THAT COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE WILL RECEIVE A RUBIK'S CUBE AND BE ENTERED TO WIN A GIFT BASKET!

****Everyone can drop off plastic lids (#2, 4, 5 plastic) from 9-noon to the Build-a-Bench project sponsored by Creative Critters 4-H Club.**

Questions: Angie Abernathy- angielyn@illinois.edu



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Tuesday, May 10, 2022

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Store: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Valid Only At:

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Please tell your cashier or server you are shopping and/or dining to donate at the time of payment to have up to 15% of your check's value, excluding tax and tip, donated to the organization above. Not to be used with other coupons, discounts or gift card purchases. Certificates are not to be distributed on Eckert's premises or within the surrounding parking areas.

Valid only for the date/time listed above.



Back by
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19th Annual



4-H DAY WITH THE *Cardinals*

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 San Francisco Giants!



May 14

1:15PM

\$25/ticket

*All sales final

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1 @ 11:59PM

- 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.)

Register here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022>

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

TICKETS AND T-SHIRTS WILL BE MAILED OUT THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL!

Ticket/t-shirt questions? Contact *Rhonda Shafer* at shaferr@missouri.edu

Parade/raffle questions? Contact *Dave Hileman* at hilemand@missouri.edu



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4-H DOG SHOW JUNE 12, 2022



Would you like to show your dog at the Madison County 4-H Dog Show?



The completion of dog obedience classes are required to participate in the 4-H Dog Show. We have partnered with Christy Pritchard at Got Your Six Support Dogs in Maryville to put together a 6-week dog obedience training option that will teach you everything you need to know to compete at the county and state levels!

- Classes will run every Sunday, April 24-June 5 at 2pm (excluding Mother's Day May 8)
- For 6 weeks of training the total cost is \$150 payable to Got Your Six Support Dogs
- Completion of dog obedience classes will reserve your spot at the 4-H Madison County Dog Show
- A qualifying score at the county show will allow you to advance to the State Dog Show August 27
- To register, please contact Angie Abernathy at angielyn@illinois.edu or call 618-344-4230



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