



# 4-H FAMILY

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY

### MARCH 2025 NEWS

Hello 4-H Families,

Spring is just around the corner! Check out all the upcoming events and information below. Feel free to contact the 4-H Staff with any 4-H questions or concerns.

I, Meghan Cope, would like to inform all 4-H members, families, and supporters that I will be starting my maternity leave at the end of March. I expect to be out for approximately 12 to 14 weeks. If you have any questions during my absence, please reach out via our unit email at [uie-mms@illinois.edu](mailto:uie-mms@illinois.edu).

Thank you,

Meghan Cope | 4-H Program  
Coordinator Serving Madison and St.  
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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.
- The application is available at: <https://go.illinois.edu/Korsmeyer>
- Reference Form: <https://go.illinois.edu/KorsmeyerReference>

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## 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>



# St. Clair County 4-H Teens as Teachers Meeting

Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
at the St. Clair County Farm Bureau Office  
1478 E State Route 15, Belleville, IL 62221

## What is 4-H Teens as Teachers?

- University of Illinois Extension 4-H Program and St. Clair County Ag in the Classroom are partnering to teach youth about agriculture.
- This program is open to **teens 14-18 years old**.
- Teen Teachers will be required to complete **8 hours of training** and **8 hours of volunteer teaching** to complete the program.

## As a member of the 4-H Teens as Teachers team...

- **You** will be a role model for young kids who share your passion!
- **You** will expand your knowledge by working with experts in the things you like to do.
- **You** will get practical training that you can use in college, in your career, and throughout life.

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE!



**LAST CHANCE**  
for new Members  
to join!



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# 39th Annual Southern Illinois

# SHEEP & CRAFT FESTIVAL

NEW FOR 2025!

OFFERING 2 CLASSES:  
BASKET WEAVING & A YARN CLASS  
SIGN-UP ONLINE @ MCSHEEPPRODUCERS.COM

## SATURDAY APRIL 12 2025

@ MONROE COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS  
Waterloo, IL



### SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:

» **KIDS CORNER / GAMES & ACTIVITIES**  
Hosted by: *Monroe County 4-H Federation*

» **BALLOON ARTIST** • 11am-1pm

» **JUDGING CONTEST BEGINS** • 9:00am  
open to all youth ages 8-19  
*\*Please sign-up prior to contest*

» **WOOL-PULL Pedal Pull**  
Hosted by: *Monroe County FB Young Leaders*  
Registration/Kids Corner @ 10:30am  
Pull starts @ 11:30am in exhibit (main) building  
{Contestant weight limit~35-120lbs.}

» **SHEARING DEMOS** • 10am - 2pm • hourly

» **WORKING SHEEP DOGS** • 11am, 12:30 & 2pm  
Exhibition by *Mary Mackenzie & Robin Reasoner*  
{dogs on grounds approx. 10am to 3pm}

» **LUNCH** • 11am - 1:30pm  
**CARRYOUT** with Dine-in areas available  
Sampler plate featuring locally grown Lamb -  
**1 Chop + Brat + Shaved Leg + Burger w/2 sides**

### MoCo Spring Showcase:

- Jackpot-style show after Judging Contest
- More info on Facebook: MoCo Spring Showcase or Erin 618-570-5514 or Garrett 618-340-2826

### ALL DAY DISPLAYS:

- Spinning, Knitting & Weaving Demos
- Sheep Breeds

### Local Lamb Cuts available to purchase:

- Vacuum sealed for your freezer & available to purchase on the day of the event

### ADVANCE ORDERS TAKEN W/PICK-UP DAY OF:

- Contact Tricia Lutman at 618-830-2183 or email: [info@mcsheepproducers.com](mailto:info@mcsheepproducers.com)

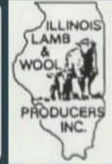
### FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Richard Woodcock	618-920-1833	Jonathan Koch	618-521-1604
Craig Hick	618-779-3213	Amy Halleran	618-530-5373
Ray Henerfauth	618-581-2183	Gary Brandt	618-920-5924

EVENT HOSTED BY:

**MONROE COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS**

SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT:



LOCAL SPONSORS:



**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*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:shaferr@missouri.edu)

**PARADE/RAFFLE QUESTIONS?** Contact Tanner Adkins at [tadkins@missouri.edu](mailto:tadkins@missouri.edu)



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## 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](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.





# 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](http://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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## 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](mailto: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.



# 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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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



## 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).



# Mark Your Calendar for the Live Pig Sale

## LIVE PIG SALE

# Chasing the Dream & Banners

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15

PREVIEW STARTS 11AM - AUCTION AT 1PM

Berkshire - Duroc - Hampshire - Hereford - Spot - Tamworth - Cross



KEITH IBERG @ IBERG SHOWPIGS 618-201-2745  
LARRY HYBBERT @ CAGED TREE FARMS 618-925-3890  
TY OLSON @ A&W GENECTICS 309-781-0823  
KEITH HUTSON @ PATRICK'S HAMPS 217-473-1138

**LUNCH PROVIDED**  
**12862 IBERG RD**  
**HIGHLAND, IL**





## ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H SHOWS 2025

- Public Speaking Contest – **March 10, 2025, 6 pm** at Madison County Farm Bureau
- Unit 4-H Horse Show – **May 10, 2025, 9 am** at Monroe County Fairgrounds
- General Project Show – **July 31, 2025** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Rabbit Show – **August 1, 2025 at 9 am** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Poultry Show – **August 1, 2025 at 1 pm** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Swine Show – **August 1, 2025 at 6 pm** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Beef Show – **August 2, 2025 at 7:30 am** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Dairy Cattle Show to follow Beef Show – **August 2, 2025** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Sheep Show to follow Dairy Cattle Show – **August 2, 2025** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Goat Show to follow the Sheep Show – **August 2, 2025** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Master Showmanship – **August 3, 2025** at the Mascoutah Ag Building
- Project Pick Up - **August 3, 2025 11 am - 12:30** Madison County Fair Grounds

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# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 10, 2025 - 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
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- 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



## What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

Find out here:

<https://emails.illinois.edu/newsletter/42/1495356942.html>



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