

# 4-H FAMILY

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY

### NOVEMBER 2024

# NEWS



## Hello 4-H Families,

Happy November! I am excited about all the amazing things that our 4-H members and clubs have accomplished. At your next club meeting, your leader will give awards to the members who turned in award applications and livestock records. Award winners are announced on the next page.

Congratulations to all our award winners!

A reminder to submit your 4-H enrollment as soon as possible. Please send a thank-you card to our two sponsors: St. Clair County Farm Bureau 1478 IL-15, Belleville, IL 62221, and St. Clair County Livestock Boosters 7062 Funk School Road Freeburg, IL 62243.

More information and instructions on how to enroll are listed below.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 618-344-4230 with any questions!

Thank you,

**Meghan Cope** | 4-H Program Coordinator  
Serving Madison and St. Clair Counties |  
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Closed Noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

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## CLUB AWARDS

Top Two Club Treasurer Books

- **New Ideal by Nicole Renner**
- **Emerald Clovers by Kori Schwaegel**

Top Secretary Book:

- **Emerald Clovers by Charlotte Ruth**
- **Farmers & Friends by Makayla Deal**

## I Dare You Award Winners

Congratulations to **Lynn Shirley** from **Emerald Clovers 4-H Club** and **Katy Lowrance** from **Creative Critters 4-H Club** for winning the St. Clair County I Dare You Award.

## AWARD APPLICATION RECOGNITION

**\*\* Indicates Top Award in Age Group**

Top Participation: **Jillyn Stoks**

Top Community Service: **Daniel McComb**

Top Leadership: **Daniel McComb**

Top Project Learning: **Daniel McComb**



# AWARD APPLICATION RECOGNITION CONTINUED

**\*\* Indicates Top Award in Age Group**

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

<b>Age 8-10</b>
<b>John Dill **</b>

## STEM

<b>Age 11-14</b>
<b>Logan Dill **</b>

## CREATIVE ARTS

<b>Age 11-14</b>
Rennie Aymer
Julie-Ann Erickson
<b>Daniel McComb **</b>
Jillyn Stoks

## HEALTHY LIVING & NUTRITION

<b>Age 11-14</b>
<b>Jilly Stoks **</b>

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

<b>Age 11-14</b>
<b>Jilly Stoks**</b>



## Livestock Record Book Recognition

\*\* Indicates Top Award in Age Group

### Dairy Goat

Age 8-10	Age 11-14
Jonathan Sheppard **	Casey Sheppard **

### Rabbits

Age 8-10	Age 11-14	Age 15-19
Quinn Dickerson	Julie-Anne Erickson	Kathleen Lowrance **
Faith Hass **	Calli Lowrance **	
	Abigail Odunfa-Jones	

**Great job to everyone who submitted  
an award application and livestock  
record book!**





# Volunteers Wanted!

## General Projects 4-H Exhibit Planning Committee

We are seeking parents and volunteers from the St. Clair 4-H community who are interested in making the 4-H General Projects Show a positive and impactful experience for the youth in St. Clair County. Our meetings will begin in January 2025 to prepare for the upcoming 4-H exhibit experiences. For more information, please contact Emily Reece at [ereece@illinois.edu](mailto:ereece@illinois.edu).



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

**Find out here:**

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



## 2024-2025 4-H HANDBOOK

Here is this year's 4-H handbook for all 4-H members and families:

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

The handbook goes over what 4-H is, the policies, what clubs do, the event calendar, and so much more. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Cope via email at [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)

## 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 years of age 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).



# 4-H Enrollment Information

## **Enrollment for the 2024-2025 4-H year will open on October 8th!**

We will again be using the Z-Suite platform to collect enrollment information.

New members, please use the instructions below to create a household account for your family and enroll youth members. Returning members, please use the same login information as last year. Adults who are screened volunteers must enroll in Z-Suites, too. If you have any questions, please email or call Meghan at 618-344-4230 or [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu).

There is a \$20 fee for all youth enrolled in the Illinois 4-H program. Enrollment fees will be sponsored by St. Clair County Farm Bureau 1478 IL-15, Belleville, IL 62221, and St. Clair County Livestock Boosters 7062 Funk School Road Freeburg, IL 62243. 4-H Clubs and Families are encouraged to send a **THANK YOU** note to both sponsors for their generosity. There is a \$10 out-of-county fee for members who do not live in St. Clair County.

### **Z-Suites**

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

### **Instructions to enroll:**

**New Members:** <https://go.illinois.edu/StClairCountyZSuiteQuickStartGuide>

**Returning Members:** <https://go.illinois.edu/StClairZSuiteReenrollmentInstructions>

**Leaders:** <https://go.illinois.edu/StClairCountyZSuiteClubLeaderManagementGuide>

Please mark all the projects they are interested in on the youth's account. When Fair Entry comes out in April/May, that is when they will commit to what project from Z-Suites they plan to show at the 2025 fair.

- The deadline to enroll to be able to show during the 2025 fair season is **January 15, 2025. If they are not enrolled by January 15, youth cannot show any projects for the 2025 fair season. 4-H members can still sign up to participate in 4-H after the deadline but are not allowed to show up in the 2025 fair season.**



# ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H PROCLAMATION

On October 28, the St. Clair County Board officially recognized October 6-12 as National 4-H Week by signing the 4-H Proclamation. 4-H members Abigail Deal, Charlotte Ruth, Korie Schwaegel, and 4-H leaders Rita Bohn, Sarah Bohn, and Ryan Stoks shared their experiences in 4-H. Extension staff William Catalano, Elizabeth Levey, and Emily Reece provided an overview of the 4-H Program in St. Clair County and presented a report from the most recent 4-H year. Thank you again to the St. Clair County Board for signing the Proclamation!







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



**Tuesday, November 26 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 AND  
APPLY TODAY!**

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



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# Club Spotlight

Happy Herd 4-H Club made 46 soaps (bars and other shapes), 82 dog ropes, and 20 ornaments. They were donated to the OSCAR Foundation. The OSCAR Foundation provides New Mexico pet owners financial assistance based on need, so their pets can access surgery and physical rehabilitation to optimize mobility. The club also participated in the State Project of Mindfulness Stones. Each member was able to make a stone.

Great Job, Happy Herd!



# 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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# Youth 4-H officer Training

You can pick the November 1st date or November 11th date. Just make sure to sign up ahead of time!



**FUN, GAMES, & LUNCH INCLUDED**

Information we will cover:

- Officer Roles
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Generating Ideas & Agenda Building
- Officer Roles
- Team Building
- Activities & Club Goals

Waterloo Location



Edwardsville Location



## 4-H Officer Training

Friday, November 1, 2024    Monday, November 11, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Monroe County Annex Building

901 Illinois Ave.  
Waterloo, IL 62298

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Edwardsville Office

900 Hillsboro Ave.  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Learn YOUR role as a 4-H Officer and help make the best better! The University of Illinois Extension Office invites all club 4-H Officers to attend this training where you will strengthen your leadership skills.



**Register TODAY at:**

<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HOfficerTraining-Waterloo>

<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HOfficerTraining-Edwardsville>



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# 4-H Holiday Photography Contest

Submit your digital holiday photograph by Dec. 16 to Meghan Cope via email [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)

## Rules:

- Take a picture with a holiday theme.
- Photograph must be taken by 4-H member.
- 2 age groups- Cloverbuds age 5-7 & 4-H members age 8-18
- One entry per member
- Open to Madison and St. Clair County 4-H
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both age groups!

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

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



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# St. Clair County 4-H Showbook Cover Design Contest



Entries are due **Feb. 3, 2025** to Meghan Cope via email [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu).

## Entry Requirements:

- "St. Clair County 4-H Showbook" and the year "2025" must be shown somewhere in your design.
- Use any 4-H fair or project theme.
- Must be a 4-H member. This includes Cloverbuds.
- Your artwork must be drawn or printed in black ink only.
- Your entry must be on white unlined paper.
- No entries with trademark characters/symbols other than the 4-H clover are accepted.
- Put your name and club on the back of your design in pencil.
- Design must be vertical.
- One entry per person



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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](mailto: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](mailto:rstoksdadd@gmail.com))



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### November 2024

- Nov. 1 Pumpkin Painting Contest Due
- Nov. 7 Fall into Cooking with 4-H
- Nov. 11 Officer Meeting for 4-H Members
- Nov. 26 St. Clair County 4-H Teens as Teachers Information Meeting
- Nov. 28-29 OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

### December

- December 16 - Holiday Photography Contest Due
- December 24-Jan. 1 OFFICE CLOSED for the Holidays

### January 2025

- Jan. 15: ZSuites enrollment closes

### February

- Feb. 3 - Showbook Cover Contest Due



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