

4-H FAMILY

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

OCTOBER 2024

NEWS



Hello 4-H Families,

It's starting to feel like fall! At the beginning of October, we also celebrate National 4-H Week.

Please help us show your 4-H pride by participating in the 4-H activities all week from October 6-12!

Remember to mark your calendars for the many opportunities approaching in the next few months.

Enjoy this beautiful weather, and stay safe!

Thank you,
Meghan Cope | 4-H Program Coordinator
Serving Madison and St. Clair Counties |
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Congratulations to Faith Sigstad from Turkey Hill Busy Bees 4-H Club for winning the Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Performance in Floriculture!
Presented by Lakeview Garden Club



Thank you to Lakeview Garden Club for granting this award to one of our St. Clair County 4-H members.

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Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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National 4-H Week

Join us in celebrating National 4-H Week Oct. 6-12th.

- Project Service Sunday – Post a picture or tell us your favorite community service activity
- Member Monday- Post a picture of yourself in a 4-H shirt and tell us why you love 4-H!
- Time Machine Tuesday -Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career vs. now.
- Why 4-H Wednesday – Share why someone should join 4-H in person or on social media/stories.
- Thankful Thursday – Thank someone who supported you in 4-H! It could be a parent, a guardian, a leader, or a friend.
- Favorite Project Friday – Share a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project
- Spirit Saturday – Show your 4-H spirit! Wear your favorite 4-H shirt or flair today

NATIONAL
4-H SPIRIT WEEK

SUNDAY	Service Project Sunday
MONDAY	Member Monday
TUESDAY	Time Machine Tuesday
WEDNESDAY	Why 4-H Wednesday
THURSDAY	Thankful Thursday
FRIDAY	Favorite Project Friday
SATURDAY	Spirit Saturday

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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

2024-2025 4-H MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

Youth who are **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 not reached 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 will not be able to 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.

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 will not be able to 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.**



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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FALL INTO COOKING

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Our 4-H team is partnering with our Nutrition and Wellness Educator to provide a cooking class this fall for any youth ages 9-13.



Thursday, November 7

6:00-7:30 p.m.



Turkey Hill Grange

1375 IL-15

Belleville, IL

REGISTER NOW



<https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/32727>

or call (618) 939-3434

Cost is \$5

Class limited to 20



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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!



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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

<p>Friday, November 1, 2024</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Monroe County Annex Building</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">901 Illinois Ave. Waterloo, IL 62298</p>	<p>Monday, November 11, 2024</p> <p>1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Edwardsville Office</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">900 Hillsboro Ave. Edwardsville, IL 62025</p>
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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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St. Clair Hot Shots Archery Shooting Sports 4-H Club



The new Archery Club in St. Clair County has started and looking for new members! For more information, please contact Jenn Stoks at 505-720-7205

OR

Email at jenngafer@gmail.com



Leader Spotlight

Farmers and Friends 4-H Club would like to thank Daniel Alexander for being a 4-H Leader for the past 3.5 years. We appreciate all he has done for our club.

Daniel Alexander has a wife named Liz and two beautiful girls, Rylie, 3, and Aubrey, 1. Daniel was in 4-H in Missouri when he was growing up, and when he moved to Lebanon, he asked to join our club and be a part of it. Sarah and Rita Bohn were excited to have him in our club. All the 4-H members loved Daniel as well. Daniel is in the military and is being transferred to San Antonio, Texas. We will all miss him so much. We plan to keep in touch, though.



PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Check it out. Create your own painted pumpkin! Pumpkins can be painted and decorated. The 4-H member MUST decorate the pumpkin. Submit your photo of the completed pumpkin to 4-H Coordinator Meghan Cope via email at mawolff@illinois.edu by November 1. Winners will be chosen from a 4-H member category & a Cloverbud category; please note the member's name and which category the entry is for when emailing your photo. Winners will be announced in the 4-H newsletter & on Facebook. Open to Madison and St. Clair 4-H members.



Submit a photo by November 1

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2024

- Oct. 6-12 National 4-H Week
- Oct. 8 ZSuites open for enrollment

November 2024

- Nov. 1 Pumpkin decorating Contest Due
- Nov. 7 Fall into Cooking with 4-H
- Nov. 11 Officer Meeting for 4-H Members

January 2025

- Jan. 15: ZSuites enrollment closes



What's going on with Illinois 4-H?

Find out here:

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



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