



# 4-H FAMILY

## MADISON COUNTY

### MARCH 2024 NEWS

Hello 4-H Families,

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

We are excited to announce that William Catalano is our new County Director for Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties. Please find out more information about him on the next page.

We are also excited to announce that Marideth Tate is our new Office Support in the Collinsville Office. Please find out more information about her on the next page too.

Thank you,  
Meghan Cope | 4-H Program  
Coordinator Serving Madison and St.  
Clair Counties | [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)

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#### Office Hours:

Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Closed Noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

#### Monroe County Office

901 Illinois Ave., PO Box 117  
Waterloo, IL 62298

618-939-3434, 618-939-7708 Fax

#### Madison-St. Clair County Branch Office

1606 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 100  
Collinsville, IL 62234

618-344-4230, 618-344-5602 Fax

#### University of IL Extension at the JJK

#### FAN Innovation Center

2051 Lynch Ave  
East St. Louis, IL 62204

618-875-8939, 618-875-8786 Fax

#### **Extension County Director**

*William Catalano*

#### **4-H Youth Educator**

*Emily Reece*

#### **Madison & St. Clair 4-H**

#### **Coordinator**

*Meghan Cope*

#### **Office Support Specialist**

*Nicole Hellon*

#### **Office Support Assistant**

*Merideth Tate*

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Madison County 4-H*

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Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Unit*

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# New Staff

## **NEW COUNTY DIRECTOR: WILLIAM CATALANO**

University of Illinois Extension is pleased to announce the appointment of William Catalano as the County Director for Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties. Mr. Catalano brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to serving the communities in this region. His previous positions include roles such as Economic Development Director for Godfrey and Pontoon Beach, IL, City Administrator for LeRoy, IL, and a position in risk management with Ameren. His community engagement includes service on a local school board and a community planning commission. In 2016, he was also selected for Focus St. Louis's Leadership St. Louis program. In a rapidly evolving technological landscape, Mr. Catalano recognizes the significance of personal connections. He envisions leading the continued success of the Monroe, Madison, and St. Clair County Extensions by enhancing support for educators and staff in the field. His goal is to keep the Extensions dynamic and adaptable, ensuring they meet the evolving needs of the people and communities they serve. University of Illinois Extension welcomes Mr. William Catalano and looks forward to his positive impact on educational outreach in Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties.



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## **NEW COLLINSVILLE OFFICE SUPPORT: MARIDETH TATE**

University of Illinois Extension is pleased to introduce Marideth Tate, who joins us as the Office Support Assistant at the Collinsville Office. Holding a bachelor's degree in Sports Management from Greenville University in Greenville, IL, Marideth brings her enthusiasm and expertise to our team. Hailing from Mascoutah, IL, she is eager to leverage her small-town background to enhance our outreach efforts, particularly in assisting 4-H communities. In addition to her role here, Marideth serves as a volunteer Track and Field Coach at Freeburg Community High School in Freeburg, IL. With her positive attitude and skill set, Ms. Tate is poised to make a meaningful impact in Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties.



## HORSE & SMALL ANIMAL SHOW REQUIREMENTS

### Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

QAEC training is mandatory for all **horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animal** projects.

All county and state exhibitors must complete QAEC via this site **once** during their showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.



*\*Watch for new online training coming soon.*



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## Scholarships

### LESTER & LUCILLE KORSMEYER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: April 15, 2024**

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, history of 4-H involvement, and other school and community activities.

**The application is available at:**

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

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### GROWMARK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: April 15, 2024**

The GROWMARK Foundation will provide a total of (55) \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing agriculture and business-related degrees or certificates at colleges, universities, and technical schools in the United States and Ontario, Canada.

At the time of their application, students must be:

High School Senior OR Continuing Student

Enrolled in a university, community college, or technical school for fall 2024 in the United States or Ontario, Canada

Pursuing an agriculture or business-related degree/certificate.

[https://jobs.growmark.com/content/Scholarships/?locale=en\\_US](https://jobs.growmark.com/content/Scholarships/?locale=en_US)



# STEER WEIGH-IN



**Thank you to Kusterman Farm for hosting the 2024 Steer Weigh-In. Also, thank you to all the volunteers who helped out. We had 22 steers that weighed in.**



# Valentine's Snack Workshop

Youth had a fun night learning four new snacks to make at home. We had chocolate-covered pretzel rods and bananas, peanut butter balls, strawberry heart men, and a Valentine's trail mix.



WE ARE CALLING ALL 4-H LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS! SIGN UP TODAY FOR OUR 4-H VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP.

**A-H VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR**  
**Lucky Charm**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A 4-H VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024**

**TURKEY HILL GRANGE**

1375 IL-15, BELLEVILLE, IL 62220

**8:00AM - 12:00PM**



**4-H SHENANIGAN PLANNING**

**HOW TO MAKE CLUB MEETINGS SHAM-ROCK!**

**WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR 4-H POT OF GOLD**



**MAKING ZSUITES MAGICAL**

**BELONGING IN 4-H**



**\*REGISTER AT: [4H.ZSUITE.ORG](https://4h.zsuite.org)  
LOG IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT AND CLICK ON: EVENTS**



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★ 21st Annual ★  
**4-H DAY**

with the

*Cardinals*

TICKET ONLY

**\$30**

\*All sales final

**T-SHIRT INCLUDED!**



SATURDAY

**18**

MAY

**CARDINALS**

**VS**

**RED SOX**

**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 Red Sox!**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 29**

- 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://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2024>

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

**TICKET/T-SHIRT QUESTIONS?** Contact Rhonda Shafer at [shaferr@missouri.edu](mailto:shaferr@missouri.edu)

**PARADE/RAFFLE QUESTIONS?** Contact Dave Hileman at [hilemand@missouri.edu](mailto:hilemand@missouri.edu)



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 to attend, call the registration office.

**MU** Extension  
 University of Missouri



# Chasing the Dream & BANNERS.

## Pig Sale

LUNCH & DRINKS PROVIDED



TAMWORTHS - SPOTS - XBREDS  
CHESTERS - DUROCS - HAMPSHIRE

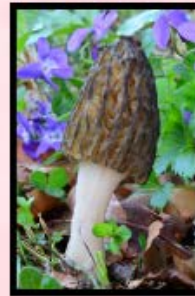
# Sat. March 16, 2024

BARN OPENS @ 11AM - LIVE SALE @ 2PM

12862 IBERG RD, HIGHLAND, IL 62249

KEITH IBERG 618-201-2745 / LARRY HYBBERT 618-925-3890  
TY OLSON 309-781-0823 / KEITH HUTSON 217-473-1138





## 4-H Spring Photography Contest

Submit your digital spring photograph by May 1 to [mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)  
Please include the 4-H members name, county they are apart of 4-H in, and their clubs name.

### Rules:

Take a picture with a spring theme.

Photograph must be taken by 4-H member.

2 age Groups- Cloverbuds age 5-7 & 8-18

One entry per member

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both age groups!

Open to Madison and St. Clair County 4-H

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



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



## Madison County 4-H Shows

- Public Speaking – **March 18 at 6 pm** Collinsville Extension Office
- 4-H Horse Show – **May 18 at 9 am** Triangle H Farms
- Mini Fair (dogs, cats, and small pets)– **June 22** at TBA on time  
Madison County Fair Grounds
- Food Show – **June 25 at 6 pm** Madison County Farm Bureau
- Set Up- **July 17 at 6 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- General Show - **July 22 at 5:30 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Bottle Bucket/Calf - **July 23 at 9 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Dairy Show - **July 23 at 10 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Rabbit Show - **July 24 at 6 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Fashion Review - **July 24 at 6 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Poultry Show - **July 25 at 9 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Super Showmanship - **July 25** at 4 pm
- Goat Show - **July 25 at 7 pm** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Swine Show - **July 26 at 8 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Beef Show - **July 26 at 10 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Sheep Show - **July 27 at 9 am** Madison County Fair Grounds
- Project Pick Up - **July 28 at 9 am** Madison County Fair Grounds





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March 2024

- March 16 - 4-H Leader Training
- March 18 - 4-H Public Speaking Contest

### April 2024

- April 4 - Spring Leaders Meeting

### May 2024

- May 1 4-H Spring Photography Contest Due
- May 18 - 4-H Day with the Cardinals



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