



# 4-H FAMILY

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY

### FEBRUARY 2024

# NEWS

Hello 4-H Families,

Check out all the upcoming events and information below.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 217-244-4385 with any questions. We are looking forward to a wonderful February!

Thank you,

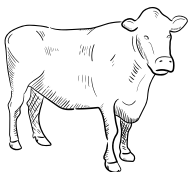
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## STEER WEIGH-IN

**SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 9:00 A.M.  
to 11:00 P.M.**

AG Building 900 Park Dr, Mascoutah, IL.  
All 4-H steers participating in the Beef  
Show must weigh-in in the winter and at  
the Fair. RSVP to Meghan via email at  
[mawolff@illinois.edu](mailto:mawolff@illinois.edu)



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Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
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# St. Clair County 4-H Shirts



## Front

Looking for a St. Clair County 4-H shirt?  
Look no further, we are now selling St.  
Clair County 4-H Shirts. Follow the link  
to the order form!

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

## Back

Shirt order forms and money are due by **March 1, 2024** to Meghan Cope at the Collinsville Extension Office 1606 Eastport Plaza Drive Collinsville, IL 62234. Feel free to mail or drop the form and money off at the office.

**Make check payable to:  
St. Clair County Extension Education Foundation**

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## Certificate of Excellence

**Congratulations to Katelyn Owens from New Ideal 4-H Club for winning the Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Performance in Floriculture! Thank you to District V - Garden Clubs of Illinois for granting this award to a St. Clair 4-H member.**



Calling all 4-H Leaders and Volunteers! Sign up today for our 4-H Volunteer Workshop.

4-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](http://4H.ZSUITE.ORG)  
LOG IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT AND CLICK ON: EVENTS



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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, call the registration office.



## Sign up today for the St. Clair 4-H Livestock Clinic!

Follow the link to register: <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/26220>



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# ST. CLAIR 4-H LIVESTOCK CLINIC

Saturday, March 9 | 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
AG Building 900 Park Dr. Mascoutah, IL  
62258 | Cost: Free |

Register on ZSuites under events or follow  
the link : <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/26220>

Will be learning about the  
following animals:

- Beef
- Dairy
- Goats
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine
- Poultry

Requirements: closed-toe shoes  
Please dress for the weather.



★ 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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# Club Spotlight

Emerald Clovers 4-H Club  
By: Mason Shirley, Club Reporter

The Emerald Clovers 4-H Club in Lebanon has started its 2nd year as a Club! They have doubled their enrollment and have hit the ground running this year. As the reporter, each month I plan to “Spotlight” one of the members and report any activities/projects our Club is working on.

Our December Spotlight member is our President Lynn Shirley. Lynn has been the President for 2 years. She currently attends Mater Dei Catholic High School in Breese, Illinois. She has one older sister and two younger brothers. Lynn enjoys softball, bowling, FFA, 4-H, Scouts, hunting, and camping. Lynn is an active member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Lebanon, Illinois. Lynn’s favorite food is green bean casserole, her favorite animal is the giraffe, and her favorite color is blue. Last year, Lynn showed three projects at the St. Clair County Fair: Gardening, Floriculture, and Poultry. Her favorite thing about 4-H is meeting new people! This year Lynn looks forward to showing Poultry, Floriculture, Welding, and Community Service Projects at the Fair. Lynn is also active in the St. Clair County 4-H Ambassadors Program.

Our Club is working on a grant to update landscaping and put in a pollinator garden at the Emerald Mound Grange, located just outside of Lebanon. A committee has been formed and will be reaching out to local resources for information and help regarding the project.





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# Holiday Photo Contest

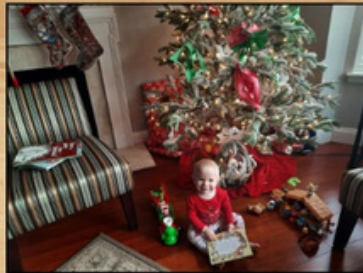


4-H Member Division Ages 8-18

## WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT



1st Place  
**Sarah V.**  
New Ideal



2nd Place  
**Josephine L.**  
New Ideal



3rd Place  
**Nicole R.**  
New Ideal

**Congratulations to our winners and all participants that submitted a Holiday Photo for the contest!**

Congratulations!

Thank you for participating in the 4-H Holiday Photo Contest.

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# Holiday Photo Contest



Cloverbud Division Ages 5-7

## WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT



1st Place  
**Ethan A.**  
Atkin's Acres Cloverbuds



2nd Place  
**Journey S.**  
Atkin's Acres Cloverbuds

*Great Job!*

Congratulations!

Thank you for participating in the 4-H Holiday Photo Contest.

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# 4-H Holiday Photos



Great Job to all our participants for submitting a holiday photo! Keep taking those shots!







## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February 2024

- February. 2 - Showbook Design Contest Due
- February 19 - Speaking For Illinois 4-H Training
- February 24 - Shooting Sports Leader Training, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles

### March 2024

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

### April 2024

- April 3 Spring Leaders Meeting

### May 2024

- May 18 - 4-H Day with the Cardinals



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