



# 4-H FAMILY

## ST. CLAIR 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 more information about her on the next page too.

Thank you,

Meghan Cope | 4-H Program  
Coordinator Serving Madison and St.  
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Collinsville, IL 62234

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#### FAN Innovation Center

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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**

*Marideth Tate*

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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, a 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)



# Club Spotlight

The March Spotlight for the Emerald Clovers 4H is our Vice President, Jack Mesarchik. Jack is 11 years old; he is in the 5th grade at homeschool. Jack has two older sisters. This is Jack's first year in a 4H club. He is also a member of the Blasters Shooting Club. He plans to do a shooting sports project this year. The thing that Jack enjoys the most about 4H is seeing his friends. Outside of 4H, Jack enjoys playing sports (baseball, soccer, and indoor soccer) and video games. Jack's favorite food is homemade macaroni and cheese, his favorite color is teal, and his favorite animal is the cheetah.

Our Club has been holding monthly meetings at the Emerald Mound Grange. The Grant Committee has submitted the application. Hopefully, our Club will be awarded the funding to do a Memorial/Butterfly Garden at the Grange. We plan to work on our project on National Service Day on April 27th. We recently ordered shirts and plan to attend the 4H Day with the Cardinals in May. Members are starting to practice demonstrations to get ready for the fair. We have lots of fun activities coming up!

By: Mason Shirley  
Emerald Clovers 4H Reporter



# STEER WEIGH-IN



**Thank you to our 4-H volunteers for helping at the 2024 Steer Weigh-In. We had five steers that weighed in.**



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



**Extension**  
 University of Missouri

# 4-H Feed the Farmers Event



**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Various Pick-up Locations**

The St. Clair County 4-H Ambassadors are organizing a lunch event to show appreciation for the farmers in St. Clair County. We want to express our gratitude to **Freeburg Country Mart** for preparing box meals for our local farmers. We will be providing box lunches that will include a sandwich, a bag of chips, a bottle of water, and a cookie.

If you are interested in helping with this event, please reach out to Emily Reece at [ereece@illinois.edu](mailto:ereece@illinois.edu) or call 217-333-0569.

**Farmers Register Here:**

<https://go.illinois.edu/FeedtheFarmerRegistration2024>







# 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.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



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