

Saline County 4-H Connection



Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members

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Livestock Committee Meeting



The Saline County 4-H Livestock Committee will hold a business meeting on Thursday, June 8th, at 8 pm. We will hold the meeting at the Extension office meeting room. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

We will be finalizing plans for the upcoming 2023 4-H livestock shows, clean-ups, weigh-outs, and discussing the livestock auction sponsored by the Saline County Stockmen's Association.



Federation Meeting - June 12th

For our June Federation meeting, youth will gather at the Harrisburg District Library for the Summer Reading Program Kick-Off event.

We will have a table with a 4-H activity and information on how to join our Saline County 4-H program. Please meet at the - Library, 12 W. Walnut Street - on Monday, June 12th at 5:15 pm. The Kick-off event runs from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

4-H Management Committee Meeting

The Saline County 4-H Management Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, June 12th, at 8 pm at the Extension office.

All committee members, including Federation officers, are encouraged to attend. We will be finalizing plans for the 2023 Saline County 4-H show season.

Summer Reading Program at the Harrisburg Library

I have 4 dates scheduled with the Harrisburg District Library as part of the Summer Reading Program - "Hello Summer!"

4-H days are Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 pm.



June 20 - "Hello Insects!"

June 27 - "Hello Tortoises!"



July 11 - "Hello Worms!"

July 18 - Hello Painting!" - instructor Allie Murphy

Come out to the Library and join us!



Bred & Owned Classes

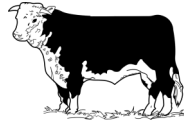
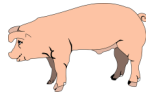
We will be offering Bred & Owned Champion and Reserve Champion classes for Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Swine, Sheep, and Beef this year. There is no fee to enter.

To enter this class, the female must have been bred and the animal born and raised on your farm or property.

4-H members who wish to enter the Bred & Owned class can sign up the day of their species show. Youth may show one animal per class. Breeding and/or Market animals may be shown. Most species will have separate competitions for breeding and market classes.

The Bred & Owned class(es) for each species will be shown at the conclusion of each species show.

(These are not 4-H classes. No 4-H ribbons or premiums will be awarded.)



Master Showmanship

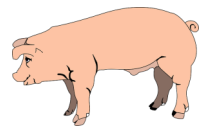
Attention: Livestock exhibitors...Saline County 4-H will offer Master Showmanship at the Fair. This contest is open to any 4-H exhibitor who is 14-19 as of August 11, 2023.

Master Showmanship is a round robin contest where all participants show three species - beef, sheep, and swine. The winner of the Saline County contest will be eligible to compete at the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest on Friday, August 11, 2023 at 5:00 pm OR 30 minutes following the conclusion of the Supreme Heifer Show. Note there has been a time change.

Anyone interested in participating in Master Showmanship must call the office to register by July 1, 2023, so we can get a judge and make arrangements.

Attention Swine Exhibitors...

Help needed in the Pig Barn!



There is a work day planned for Saturday, June 10, 2023, beginning at 9:00 am, at the Swine area behind the Livestock Building.

Swine Superintendent, Sara Oxford, has requested help from exhibitors and families to get the pens set up and the new watering system installed.

If you are able to attend for the whole day or even part of the day, she would love to have your help.

Thank you!

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Shelby Lynn Browning

Shelby is the daughter of Chris and Stacy Browning. She is a member of Farmin' Friends 4-H Club, and has graduated from Vienna High School. Shelby plans to attend Shawnee Community College and then on to a university to become an Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor.

Shelby loved showing Sheep and Dairy Cattle in shows since she was old enough to join 4-H.




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Kylee Oglesby

Kylee is the daughter of Keith and Valera Oglesby and a member of Farmin' Friends 4-H Club. She graduated from Eldorado High School and will be attending the University of Illinois in the fall to study Animal Science/Pre-Veterinary Medicine.

Kylee's favorite 4-H memory is of bringing her miniature calf to the fair and letting all the little kids play with it.



Congratulations

to our

Saline County

4-H

Graduating

Seniors!

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Emma K. Carlile

Emma is the daughter of Kent and Jane Carlile. She is a member of Lads & Lassies 4-H Club, and has graduated from Galatia High School. Emma plans to attend Rend Lake College to study Veterinary Science.

Emma's favorite 4-H memory is of beating her brother and winning both Champion and Reserve Champion Female Dairy Cattle.



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Lucy Belle Peterson

Lucy is the daughter of Jamie VanZant and a member of H2H 4-H Club. She graduated from Galatia High School and will be attending Murray State University in the fall to study Ag Education/Ag Business.

Lucy's favorite 4-H memory is of camping at the fair.



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Grayson Rann

Grayson is the son of Samonica Rann and a member of H2H 4-H Club. He has graduated from Galatia High School and plans to attend SIC and eventually open an Auction business.

Grayson's favorite 4-H memory is of the Water Slide down the levee wall at the Fair.



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Greyson Conley

Greyson is the son of Candida and Jeff Payne and Heath Conley. He is a member of Farmin' Friends 4-H Club and has graduated from Eldorado High School. Greyson plans to attend SIC in the fall.

His favorite 4-H memories were the opportunities of learning while having fun, Fair week, getting to see old friends and make new, staying at the fair grounds, showing our animals, the 4H picnics and the water fights!




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Sierra Wilson

Sierra is the daughter of Brad Wilson and granddaughter of Tom and Glenda Wilson. She is a member of Pioneers 4-H Club, and has graduated from Galatia High School. Sierra plans to finish at SIC and transfer to SIU - C to major in Communications Disorders and Sciences.

Sierra loved showing the cattle, horses, dogs, and general projects, loved working with her family and camping at the fairgrounds!





Get Totally Hooked!

The 2023 Illinois 4-H Hooks Us Together Fishing Tournament is on, and June kicks off the Channel Catfish Challenge! What to do: Fish in the month of June and use a smartphone to take a picture of your catch. In the picture, you must clearly show the length of the fish in inches (take a picture of the fish with a tape measure for proof.)

Details on how to participate are here:

go.illinois.edu/4HFishingTourney2023

Youth Crop Scouting Competition

In a corn or soybean field, knowing how crops are progressing or being able to identify an insect can mean the difference between a profitable harvest and a bad year.

The Illinois Crop Scouting Competition is a one-day contest that challenges teams of students from across the state to test their field scouting knowledge hands-on with agricultural professionals from University of Illinois.



Teams of students (grades 9 through 12) accompanied by an adult advisor will rotate through 10 outdoor stations at the University of Illinois South Farm fields to test their skills hands-on with topics such as identifying weeds, insects, and diseases, identifying the growth stages of corn and soybean plants, assessing abiotic injury, pesticide application, and integrated pest management. Judges will score each team, and cash prizes will be awarded to the top four scores. The top two teams will also advance to compete against students in other states and represent Illinois at the Midwestern regional competition.

The registration deadline is June 30, and the event will be held from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm on August 1 at the University of Illinois Crop Sciences Research & Education Center.

Prize levels: 1st place - \$500, 2nd place - \$300, 3rd place - \$200, 4th place - \$100. Lunch, beverages & snacks will be provided.



State Hippology/Horse Bowl

4-H members from Saline, White and Hamilton counties competed recently at the Illinois State 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology contest. Big thanks go to their coach Raegan Smith for all she has done to get these participants ready for the contest. In Senior Hippology, Hannah Wenzel placed fifth and qualified for Nationals. Hannah also placed second in Senior Extemporaneous Speaking. In Senior Horse Bowl, Hannah Wenzel and Annsley Healy from White County teamed up with members from Monroe County to win first place and qualify for Nationals. This team was also undefeated at both Regional and State. Hannah received Reserve High Point Individual. Congratulations!



National Night Results

Saline County 4-H National Night was back in person for the first time since 2019. It was great to welcome clubs to the Saline County Fairgrounds Livestock building to present their states with presentations, displays, food, costumes, and fun!

Receiving first place, a blue ribbon, a State Fair ribbon, and a certificate for Best Table Display was Lads & Lassies with Oklahoma.

Receiving second place, a blue ribbon, a State Fair Alternate ribbon, and a certificate for Best Costumes was Pleasant Valley Go-Getters with Louisiana.

Receiving third place, a blue ribbon, and a certificate for Most Unusual Food was Country Clovers with Georgia.

Following the presentations, all present sampled the foods. Thank you to these clubs for participating. Congratulations to all!



Lads & Lassies



Pleasant Valley Go-Getters



Country Clovers

Unit 24 Awards Banquet

Emerald and Diamond 4-H Experience Award Winners and State Scholarship winners from the Unit 24 counties of Saline, Gallatin, Pope-Hardin, Hamilton and White were honored at a special awards banquet on Sunday, April 16th. Wyatt Arnold - Emerald winner in Project Learning and Rachel Lands - Emerald winner in Leadership were among those honored and presented with certificates and 4-H gifts. Congratulations!



4-H Calendar

June 2023

- 1 - QAEC and YQCA must be completed by this date. Last day to drop a project. Fair Entry Registrations due.
- 6, 13, 20, 27 - Dog Obedience, 6 pm & 7 pm, Cheri's Shop
- 8 - Livestock Committee Meeting, 8 pm, Extension Office
- 10 - Swine Exhibitor Work Day, 9 am, Fairgrounds
- 12 - 4-H Federation Meeting, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Harrisburg Library Summer Reading Program Kick-Off
- 12 - Management Committee Meeting, 8 pm, Extension Office
- 15 - Small Pets Forms due
- 18 - Happy Father's Day to our 4-H Dads! We appreciate YOU!!!
- 19 - Juneteenth - Extension Office closed



July 2023

- 1 - State Fair Livestock Entries due
- 4 - Happy Independence Day! - Extension Office closed.
- 6 - 4-H Home & Family Show, 6 pm, Lion's Club (we will be setting up at 9 am)
- 7 - General Show Set-up, 9 am, Fairgrounds Floral Hall
- 8 - 4-H General Show, 9 am, Fairgrounds Floral Hall
- 11 - Dog Obedience, 6 pm & 7 pm, Cheri's shop
- 13 - Livestock Clean-up, 6 pm, Fairgrounds area
- 18 - 4-H Dog Agility & Dog Rally Show, 7 pm, Cheri' shop
- 20 - 4-H Dog & Cat Shows, 6 pm, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 24 - 4-H Small Pets, Crops, Poultry Shows, 8:30 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 24 - 4-H Rabbit Show, 10 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 24 - 4-H Dairy Cattle Show, 1 pm, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 24 - 4-H Lamb & Meat Goat Weigh-outs, 5 pm, Stafford Building area
- 24 - 4-H Swine Weigh-out, 6 pm, Stafford Building area
- 24 - 4-H Beef Weigh-out, 7 pm (or after Swine Weigh-out), Stafford Building area
- 25 - 4-H Dairy Goat Show, 8 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 25 - 4-H Meat Goat Show, 30 min. after the end of Dairy Goat Show, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 25 - 4-H Horse & Pony Show, 3 pm, (check in at 2 pm) Horse Arena
- 26 - Junior Shows all day
- 27 - 4-H Swine Show, 8 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 27 - 4-H Sheep Show, 30 min. after the end of Swine Show, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 27 - 4-H Family Picnic, Noon, Fairgrounds
- 27 - 4-H Beef Show, 1 pm, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 28 - 4-H Tractor Operator's Contest, 8:30 am, east side of Fairgrounds
- 28 - Stockmen's Livestock Auction, 1 pm, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 29 - Livestock Clean-up, 8:30 am, Fairgrounds area
- 29 - Auction checks released approximately 10 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building



August 2023

- 10-20 - Illinois State Fair
- 12 - Saline County Day at the Illinois State Fair, Springfield



Saline County Illinois 4-H Facebook Page

If you are on Facebook, look for our Saline County Illinois 4-H page and request to join the closed group. In addition to emailing out meeting notices, and general information, I post these on the Facebook page. I will keep the page updated with photos, meetings, events, and information to help you during the 4-H year.



Important Deadlines

Saline County Day at the Illinois State Fair is **Saturday, August 12.**

4-H Experience Awards Applications and/or 4-H Record Sheets and **County Medal Applications** are due **Friday, September 8.**



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