

# Saline County 4-H Connection



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# Home & Family Show

The Saline County 4-H Home & Family Show will be held on Thursday, July 6th, beginning at 6 pm at the Harrisburg Lion's Club - 1400 S. Main Street.

Included in this show:

Foods and Food Decorating, Clothing, Interior Design, Theatre Arts, and Fashion Revue.

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## General Show

The Saline County 4-H General Show will be held on Saturday, July 8th, beginning at 9 am at the Saline County Fairgrounds Floral Hall  
If possible, please observe the following arrival schedule:

**8:45 am**

H2H

Pleasant Valley Go-Getters

**9:15 am**

Country Clovers

Farmin' Friends

**9:45 am**

Lads & Lassies

Pioneers

**Those 4-H members not checking in by 10:30 am will be recorded as No-Shows.**

Leaders will receive a packet upon arrival with exhibit tags. Members will need to attach the appropriate exhibit tag to each project. Following judging, State Fair, State Fair Alternate and County Champion ribbons will be awarded and pictures will be taken.



If your child cannot personally show his/her project, the reason must be submitted in writing to the Extension office prior to the show for approval. If approved, another Saline County 4-H member may show the project.

Youth must then fill out a report form (available at the office) to send with their project.

## 2023 Saline County 4-H Shows Concession Schedule

Club	Show	Date	Start Time
4-H Federation	4-H General Show	July 8	9:00 a.m.
Pleasant Valley Go-Getters	4-H Dog & Cat Show	July 20	6:00 p.m.
Country Clovers	4-H Small Pets, Crops, Poultry Shows, Rabbit Show	July 24	8:30 a.m.
Volunteers	4-H Dairy Cattle Show	July 24	1:00 p.m.
Lads & Lassies	4-H Dairy Goat Show	July 25	8:00 a.m.
Pioneers	4-H Meat Goat Show	July 25	10:00 a.m.
4-H Federation	4-H Horse & Pony Show	July 25	3:00 p.m.
Pleasant Valley Go-Getters	Saline Co. Fair Jr. Shows	July 26	10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
H2H	4-H Swine & Sheep Shows	July 27	8:00 a.m.
Farmin' Friends	4-H Beef Show	July 27	1:00 p.m.
4-H Federation	Livestock Auction	July 28	1:00 p.m.

- ❖ If you do not have workers for your assigned time, please contact another leader to work something out with them.
- ❖ Club assigned to the concessions will sell sodas. Usually one adult and one or two youth are sufficient.
- ❖ Federation may sell hot dogs, chips, etc. at the General Show and the Horse & Pony Show.

# What Project Goes Where????

For our new 4-H members and families and others who are interested, here is a listing of which projects to bring to which show.

## Home & Family Show - July 6th

4-H Cooking 101, 201, 301, 401

Fashion Revue

Foods Projects -

Candy Making

Edible Art

Food Decorating

Food Preservation

Food Science

Microwaving

Pies

Sports Nutrition

Shopping in Style

Clothing 1, 2, 3

Theatre Arts

**All other projects - Beef, Cat, Crops & Hay, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goats, Horse & Pony, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Small Pets, Swine, Tractor Driving - have their own shows. Please refer to the calendar in the front of your handbook or the calendar page in this newsletter.**



## General Show - July 8th

All County Projects - except Foods projects

All Cloverbud Projects

Aerospace

Animal/Vet Science

Civic Engagement

Drones

Electricity

Entomology

Exploratory, Collectibles, Family Heritage

Floriculture, Horticulture, Vegetable Gardening

Forestry

Geology

Health

Natural Resources, Wildlife

Outdoor Adventures, Explore Your Environment

Photography

Plants & Soils

Poetry

Ready 4 Life - Career

Recycling

Scrapbooking

Small Engines

Sportsfishing

Visual Arts

Weather

Welding

Woodworking

Youth who have been selected as a State Fair Delegate or Alternate and plan to take their project to Springfield on August 12th must notify the office no later than **July 21st**.



## Leader/Parent Information



4-H Record forms and/or 4-H Experience Award Application packets are due **September 8, 2023**.

Youth may choose to fill out one "My 4-H Experience" form and one record form for each project. Record forms are divided into 3 age groups. -OR-

**The Experience Award Packets are available for those who want to apply for a State award.**

County Medal Applications, Achievement Trophy Applications, Club Secretary and Treasurer Books, Financial Activity Statements, etc. will be due on September 8th along with 4-H Records Forms and/or the Experience Award Application packets.

End of year packets will be mailed to club leaders in August.

**Saline County Day** at the Illinois State Fair is **Saturday, August 12, 2023**.



## Your Day at the Illinois State Fair

If you are selected as an Illinois State Fair Delegate,  
Congratulations!!!!

Please notify the Saline County 4-H Office at 618-252-8391 by July 21st if you want to take your project to the Illinois State Fair. You cannot just show up at State Fair.

Here is what you need to know.



The county office will mail you more information and an exhibit tag for your project.  
Remove all the tags and ribbons from our local show.

**Saline County exhibits at the Illinois State Fair on Saturday, August 12, 2023.**

Traffic can be very heavy, so give yourself plenty of time to arrive in Springfield and the fairgrounds. Families can purchase parking and entry tickets at the gate. Youth 12 & under are free. Once on the fairgrounds, make your way to the far northwest side - to the Orr Building. A State Fair map is available on our website: [go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair).



Load/Unload passes for large projects are available at the Saline County Extension Office.

Once inside the Orr Building, there will be large signs and volunteers directing you to the judging area for your project category. 4-H members should drop their projects off between 8:00 and 9:00 am. There is no need to arrive before 8:00 am. Judging will begin at 9:00 am. When you find the judging area for your project, set up your exhibit, tear off the claim ticket attached to the exhibit tag, and check the project area's schedule for YOUR estimated judging time. Then - Go enjoy the Fair!

Return to your judging area about 15 minutes before your scheduled time. Each exhibitor will have a 10-minute conference judging time to discuss their project with a judge. All score sheets have been revised to reflect a 1-10 point scale. The numerical score will determine the top awards.



Projects will be released throughout the day as judging for that project area concludes. You may pick up your project then or at the end of the day - between 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Be sure to hang on to your claim ticket. Illinois 4-H and the State Fair are not responsible for any projects not claimed.

To receive project notifications, download the Illinois 4-H State Fair App.

All 4-H exhibitors at the Illinois State Fair will receive a ribbon and a commemorative button.

The participant with the highest score in each class will receive the Champion Medal (blue medallion); second highest will receive the Reserve Champion Medal (red medallion). Cash premiums may be presented to exhibitors receiving Champion and Reserve Champion honors.

Judges may also select Inspire Award (white medallion) to acknowledge exhibitors who present inspirational, innovative, or unique exhibits.



Remember, you have already been selected as one of the best in your county! Don't worry about the score and use this to learn as much as you can from the judging expert.

### Fun Facts:

Your exhibit will be seen by approximately 4000 people. There will be nearly 1000 exhibits displayed each day of our fair. Take time to explore other projects areas while you are there.

You may get an idea for next year!



*Have Fun at the Fair!*

## Dog and Cat Exhibitors



Dog and Cat Exhibitors are reminded to bring their animals' current and up-to-date shot record to the 4-H Dog Agility Show on July 18th and/or to the 4-H Dog and Cat Show on July 20th.



**NO ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THESE SHOWS WITHOUT SHOT RECORDS.**

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## Horse and Pony Exhibitors



4-H Horse & Pony Exhibitors are reminded to bring proof of negative Coggins testing to the 4-H Horse & Pony Show on July 25th. Check in time is at 2 pm. Show will begin at 3 pm.

**Helmets are required for all mounted exhibitors in or out of the show ring. Contact the Extension office if you need to borrow a helmet.**

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## Livestock Overall Champions

We will be offering Overall Breeding Champion and Overall Market Champion Classes. Champions of each breed will be brought back into the show ring at the conclusion of each show to allow the judge to choose Overall Champions.

Thank you to Saline County Farm Bureau for sponsoring the Overall Champion Banners and to Friends of Saline County 4-H for sponsoring the prizes.

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## Animal Health Papers

4-H members who also plan to exhibit in the Junior Shows at the Saline County Fair and to stall for the week at the fairgrounds are reminded to bring their animal health papers to check-in on Sunday, July 23. 1-4 pm.

Those members just showing the 4-H shows must bring their health papers to the 4-H Weigh-outs and 4-H Livestock shows.

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## Bred & Owned

Sign up for Bred & Owned classes - Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Cattle and Beef - on the day of the species show. There is no fee to enter.

**To enter an animal in a Bred & Owned class, the female must have been bred and the animal born and raised on your farm or property.**

There are separate classes for Breeding and Market Beef, Swine and Meat Goats. All other species will have one Bred & Owned class. Youth may show one animal per class. The Bred & Owned class for each species will be shown at the conclusion of each species show.

(Thanks to sponsors: Anderson Family, Bradley Family, C&B Cattle Co., Purina Nutrition, and Friends of Dairy.)



## Federation Meeting

The Saline County 4-H Federation will hold a business meeting on August 14th, at 5:30 pm at the Harrisburg Park Kiwanis Shelter. This will be our annual Ice Cream Social. Federation will provide ice cream treats for all!



Federation Officer Petitions for the 2023-2024 4-H year will be distributed.

Have you ever thought about being a Federation Officer? To become a Federation Officer, you need to be in 8th grade or above, be at least a 2 year member of 4-H, and be a Federation Delegate from your club.

Join us on August 14th to pick up an officer petition!

Officer Elections will be held at the September meeting.

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## Farm Bureau Project Grant Winners

Congratulations to Garrett Arnold, Wyatt Arnold, Cayden Baird, Karson Baird, Seth Brown, Marissa Cullers, Noah Curry, Mckynlee Feazel, Gavin Horton, Josie Kuczynski, Eli Oglesby, Jocelyn Oxford, Avery Rash, Hunter Stevens, Lena Stokich, and Hallee Whitlock



Each one of these 4-H members received a 2023 Saline County Farm Bureau Project Grant. We are proud of them for applying for a grant and know that the money received will go a long way to help them with their projects.

Thank you Marisa Davis and Saline County Farm Bureau for offering this great opportunity!

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## Welcome to our new 4-H Youth Development Educator, Lindsay Adams

Lindsay Adams, a native of Shawneetown, has joined the University of Illinois Extension as the 4-H Youth Development educator for Unit 24.

Lindsay's educational journey began at Gallatin County School and continued at Southeastern Illinois College. She later graduated from Southern Illinois University with a degree in Biological Sciences.

Starting her career as a High School Physical Science Teacher at Gallatin County High School, she taught a variety of subjects, including Chemistry, Physics, and even Audio Visual Production for over a decade.

Lindsay played a pivotal role in assisting the students of Gallatin County in creating videos for both the school and the wider community. Combining her passion for science and filmmaking, Lindsay ventured into producing the documentary "Countdown to the Eclipse," which garnered a Regional Emmy nomination. The Illinois State Board of Education honored Lindsay as a Teacher of the Year finalist the following year.



**Please help me welcome Lindsay to the Saline County 4-H and Unit 24 Family!**



# 4-H Calendar

## 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
- 7 - Work Night at the Fairgrounds, 6 pm
- 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's 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 minutes after the end of the 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 minutes after the end of the 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

- 14 - 4-H Federation Meeting and Ice Cream Social, 5:30 pm, Harrisburg Park, Kiwanis Shelter.  
Officer Petitions will be distributed.
- 10-20 - Illinois State Fair
- 12 - Saline County Day at the Illinois State Fair, Springfield



## September 2023

- 4 - Extension Office closed for Labor Day
- 8 - 4-H Record forms, County Medal Applications, Secretary Books, Treasurer's Books and Financial Activity Statements, Club Scrapbooks, and all other end of year paperwork must be submitted.
- 18 - 4-H Federation Meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office. We will be electing officers for 2023-2024.
- 18 - Management Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Extension Office



## 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.

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### Work Night



In addition to the July 13th Livestock Clean-up, there is a Work Night scheduled for Friday, July 7th, beginning at 6 pm at the Fairgrounds. Jobs include: Painting trash barrels, white boards and other painting touch-ups, replacing goat pen gates, and other minor construction.



Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided!



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