

Saline County 4-H Connection



Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members



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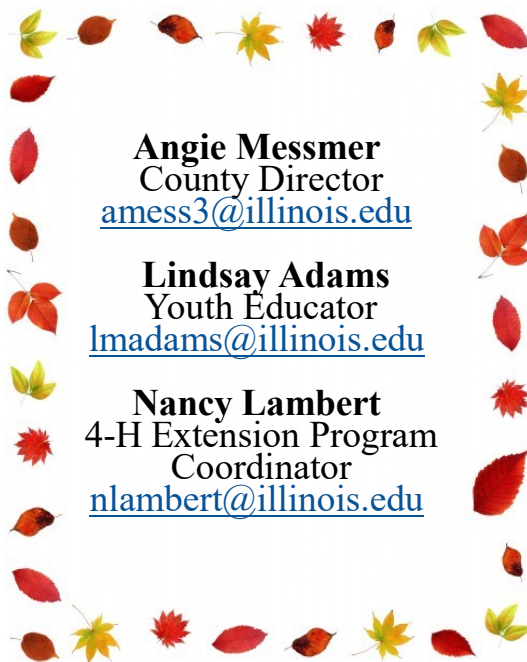
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National 4-H Week - October 1-7, 2023

“Making History with 4-H!”

This week we join over 6 million other 4-H members in celebrating National 4-H Week!

4-H began in 1902 and has played an important role in helping youth become role models, responsible citizens, and contributing members of their families, workplaces, and communities ever since.

Celebrate National 4-H Week! Wear your 4-H shirt to school and tell others about 4-H!

Listen to WEBQ Radio Station to hear the National 4-H Week Public Service Announcements recorded by our 4-H members and volunteers!



Eldorado Mayor Rocky James signs the 2023 National 4-H Week proclamation. Witnessing the signature were: Josie, Avery, Marie and Sara from Country Clovers, Lads & Lassies, and Pleasant Valley Go-Getters.



Witnessing the signing of the 2023 National 4-H Week Proclamation by Harrisburg Mayor John McPeck were: Wyatt, Garrett, Lillian and Marie from Country Clovers and Pleasant Valley Go-Getters.



Lena, Garrett, Emma, Seth, Alan, Hallee, Wyatt, Justus, Jaynee, Josie, and Jocelyn from Country Clovers and Lads & Lassies gathered to witness the signing of the 2023 National 4-H Week Proclamation by Galatia Mayor Steve Sloan.

Thanks to all who came out to these Proclamation signings, to the mayors, and to the cities of Eldorado, Galatia and Harrisburg for their continued support!



Saline County National 4-H Week Displays and posters must be in place by Sunday, October 1st.

Email Nancy with the location.

Saline County 4-H Achievement Night

Make plans to join us at the Saline County Fairgrounds Livestock Building on Monday, October 23rd for our annual Saline County 4-H Achievement Night.

The program will begin at 7 pm. Snacks and drinks provided.

Cloverbuds, 1st Year Members, 10-Year Members, Retiring Members, County Medal winners, Junior Leaders, Achievement Trophy winners, Adult Volunteers, and more will be honored, along with very deserving Friends of 4-H.

Members who turned in their 4-H records will receive their plaque/trophy engraved with the awards achieved at the 2023 summer 4-H shows.



Please RSVP by October 16th to nlambert@illinois.edu.



You don't want to miss walking across the stage when your name is called!



Achievement Night Set-Up

We Need Your HELP!!!

Please join us to set up for Achievement Night on Thursday, October 19th beginning at 4 pm at the Fairgrounds Livestock Building.

We will be putting tables and chairs in place, decorating, and setting up the stage area.

If we get a good crowd of volunteers, it should not take long.

THANKS!!!

Achievement Night Community Service

Non-Perishable Food Drive

We have an Unit 24 Food Challenge going for the month of October.

Saline County 4-H families are invited to either take their items to the food pantry of their choice (please send me a picture) or to bring their items to Achievement Night. I will take care of distributing them to local Blessing Boxes and Food Pantries.

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Federation News

At the September meeting of the Saline County 4-H Federation, the following officers were elected.

President: Wyatt Arnold Vice President: Hannah Wenzel Secretary: Allie Murphy
Treasurer: Bri Cullers Recreation Officer: Lily Siler

Congratulations!

These officers will be installed at Achievement Night on October 23rd.

Federation Meetings

The Saline County 4-H Federation will hold a short meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd at during our volunteer night at Heaven's Kitchen. We will be finalizing plans for Achievement Night.



Our next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9th, at the Fairgrounds Livestock Building beginning at 5:00 pm before the 4-H Fall Party. All 4-H members and families are welcome to join in on the meeting. We will be planning for our Christmas Party, our 4-H float in the Harrisburg Lights Parade, and any December Community Service activities.



4-H FALL PARTY



You are invited to the 4-H Fall Party and Wiener Roast! Join us at the Fairgrounds Livestock Barn area on Thursday, November 9, starting at 6:30 pm for a fun Fall evening!



We are planning a Bonfire and Wiener Roast, a Scavenger Hunt, and lots of FUN games! As with our 4-H Rally, we are hoping to increase our Saline County 4-H membership. So, bring a non-4-H friend. Let's show them how much fun Saline County 4-H can be!

Chips, drinks, and desserts will be provided. We are asking families to bring hot dogs and buns for your own family. Also, please bring wiener roast sticks if you have them.

Don't miss the fun! See you there!

Please RSVP to nlambert@illinois.edu by November 2nd.



Fall Party Community Service



We will be collecting warm socks for the 4C's Homeless Shelter. Please be generous.





Enrollment/Re-Enrollment

It is almost time to Enroll/Re-enroll in ZSuite for the 2023-24 year!



Please wait until you receive an email from Lois with instructions on how to log in and enroll before you do anything. We are hoping for an early October start date.

4-H Volunteers - Continuing Education Requirements

The Illinois State 4-H Office is requiring all screened volunteers to complete the new Child Protection Training (ANCRA) in 2023-2024. Lois Jones will e-mail instructions on how to complete the training.

The Illinois State 4-H Office is also requiring all screened volunteers to complete 3 hours of continuing education annually starting in 2023-2024. The Child Protection training will count as 1 hour of training in 2023-2024. The Illinois State 4-H Office will provide some future trainings and our office will let you know of these or any continuing education opportunities. A volunteer MUST complete the Child Protection Training in 2023-2024 and complete the 3 hours of continuing education annually to remain active as a volunteer.

Leader News

New 4-H Year paperwork will be ready for pick-up at Achievement Night.

Included in the new year packet for each club: Club Officers, Club Program Schedule, and Progress Goals forms, Committee Sheets, and more.

Please return your club packet no later than December 15th.

Please clearly indicate if you do or do not want to appoint adults or youth to a committee, so we do not have to guess.

Thank you! 

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. I will keep the page updated with photos, meetings and events notices, and information to help you during the 4-H year.



SALINE COUNTY 4-H

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST



Have some Fall Fun with Saline County 4-H!
Join in our Pumpkin Decorating Contest!
Contest Dates - October 2 - 18, 2023.



Pumpkins must be 4-H and youth age appropriate.

1. Show us your Funniest, Scariest, or most Creative Pumpkin.
Or use our National 4-H Week Theme “Making History with 4-H!”
2. Pumpkins can be carved, painted, decorated, dressed up, or any combination.
3. Four age divisions: Cloverbud - ages 5-7; Junior - ages 8-12;
Senior - ages 13-18; and Adult - ages 19+.
Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 in each age group.
4. Grand Prize for Overall Best of Show!
5. Submit one photo of your pumpkin to: nlambert@illinois.edu no later than October 18, 2023. Include the pumpkin designer’s name, age, address, and contact phone number in the email. Please do not put a name on the pumpkin or include it in the photo.
6. Pumpkin photos will be judged and the winners announced at Achievement Night on October 23, 2023.
7. 4-H members are encouraged to reach out to local businesses, schools, assisted living or nursing home facilities to display their pumpkins after the photo is sent. It would be great if the member’s name and 4-H club are included with this display.





Unit 24 4-H October Club FOOD CHALLENGE

Unit 24 County 4-H Clubs - our Food Pantries need our help.

Please consider participating in this unit-wide October Community Service. Each day in the month of October, add an item to your box.

Then donate the box of food to a local food pantry in early November.

If you cannot participate the entire month, consider collecting the items during National 4-H week, October 1st - 7th.

Items in black would help a lot with Thanksgiving meals!



October 1 - stuffing mix
October 2 - canned sweet potatoes
October 3 - boxed potatoes
October 4 - canned corn
October 5 - canned green beans
October 6 - cranberry sauce
October 7 - dessert boxed - boxed mix
October 8 - jar of peanut butter
October 9 - box of cereal
October 10 - jar of applesauce
October 11 - canned tuna
October 12 - canned tomatoes
October 13 - box of crackers
October 14 - canned beans
October 15 - canned fruit cocktail
October 16 - package of oatmeal

October 17 - package of pasta
October 18 - spaghetti sauce
October 19 - chicken noodle soup
October 20 - tomato soup
October 21 - mixed vegetables
October 22 - canned carrots
October 23 - canned peaches
October 24 - cornbread mix
October 25 - cake mix
October 26 - canned frosting
October 27 - canned pears
October 28 - package of rice
October 29 - mushroom soup
October 30 - macaroni & cheese
October 31 - bag of candy



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4-H Calendar

October 2023

1 - 7 - It's National 4-H Week! Invite a friend to your 4-H club meeting. Wear your 4-H shirt to school.

"Making History with 4-H!" Window Displays and Posters must in place by October 1st.

2 - 18 - Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Send photos to Nancy at: nlambert@illinois.edu

3 - 4-H Serves @ Heaven's Kitchen, Presbyterian Annex in Harrisburg, 4 - 6 pm

3 - Short Federation Meeting at Heaven's Kitchen

16 - RSVP for 4-H Achievement Night

19 - Achievement Night Set up, beginning at 4 pm, Fairgrounds Livestock Building

23 - Achievement Night, 7 pm, Saline County Fairgrounds Livestock Building

31 - Happy Halloween!



November 2023

2 - RSVP for Fall Party

5 - Daylight Savings Time ends - set your clocks back 1 hour.

9 - Federation Meeting @ the Fairgrounds Livestock Building, 5:00 pm

9 - 4-H Fall Party - 6:30 pm, Saline County Fairgrounds

11 - Veterans Day

23-24 - Happy Thanksgiving! The Extension office will be closed. Enjoy your holiday!



December 2023

14 - 4-H Float in the Harrisburg Christmas Lights Parade

15 - 4-H Club Forms due in to the Extension office



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