

Saline County 4-H Connection



Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members



June 2024

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Livestock Committee Meeting

The Saline County 4-H Livestock Committee will hold a business meeting on Thursday, June 6th, 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 2024 4-H livestock shows, clean-ups, weigh-outs, and discussing the livestock auction sponsored by the Saline County Stockmen's Association.



Federation Meeting

The Saline County 4-H Federation will hold a business meeting on Monday, June 17th, at 6:30 p.m. All Federation delegates are encouraged to attend.



Federation Officers...you must attend these meetings.

We will be discussing concessions and finalizing that schedule, as well as making plans for upcoming summer events.



4-H Management Committee Meeting

The Saline County 4-H Management Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, June 17th, at 8 pm at the Extension office.

All committee members, including Federation officers, are encouraged to attend. We will be finalizing plans for the 2024 Saline County 4-H show season.

2024 Farm Bureau Project Grant Winners

Congratulations to the following 4-H members for applying for and receiving the 2024 Saline County Farm Bureau Project Grants.

Garrett Arnold, Jacob Hill, Josie Kuczynski, MiKaylee Layman, Raylan Murphy, Wyatt Murphy, Addyson Oglesby, Easton Oglesby, Jocelyn Oxford, Avery Rash, Joleigh VanMeter, Benjamin Vinyard, Hallee Whitlock, and Jaynee Whitlock.



We are proud of you and wish you the best of luck with your 2024 4-H projects.

Thank you to Marisa Davis and the Saline County Farm Bureau for providing this opportunity.



Horse & Pony Classes

Saline County 4-H Horse & Pony are reminded to return their Class Sign Up forms by Friday, July 12, 2024. Forms were mailed to Horse & Pony exhibitors at the end of May.

In an effort to speed along the folder sign-up process prior to the 4-H Horse & Pony Show and begin on time, please complete this form and return to the Extension office no later than Friday, July 12th.

Entries from these forms will be drawn at random and listed in the folder by class.

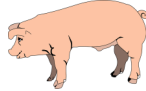
Entries may be added or deleted on show day, July 23, 2024. Exhibitor numbers will be available on show day and entered into folders at that time.

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. **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.)



Southern Region 4-H Showcase at the DuQuoin State Fair

I have been asked to bring to your attention again the Southern Region 4-H Showcase exhibition at the Du Quoin State Fair - open to all 4-Hers in the lower 49 counties. There will be Rosettes for General Projects and Banners for Livestock.

Registration for the event opened March 1 and will close on August 1.

General Projects show will be Saturday, August 17 (the Saturday before the Du Quoin State Fair starts). 4-H Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 3 projects and will be able to keep their project(s) up through the end of the Fair.


The Goat and Sheep Shows as well as the Swine Weigh-in will be held on Friday, August 23. The Beef, Dairy, and Swine Shows will be held on Saturday, August 24. There will be a \$5 stalling fee per animal.



Congratulations 4-H Graduates!

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HONORING THE CLASS of 2024

Jude Levi Beers

Jude is the son of Jerry and Kristy Beers. He is a member of Pleasant Valley Go-Getters 4-H Club and a graduate of Johnston City High School. Jude will attend Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in the fall to wrestle and to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Jude's favorite 4-H memory is sliding down the makeshift water slide on the levee after the 4-H shows.

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Brianna Cullers

Brianna is the daughter of Gabe and Autumn Cullers. She is a member of Pleasant Valley Go-Getters 4-H Club and Treasurer of the 4-H Federation. She is a graduate of Carrier Mills-Stonefort High School and plans to attend SIU-Carbondale to study Agricultural Education.

Bri's favorite 4-H memories are showing in the Horse Show and all the fun club and Federation meetings she attended.

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Caden Bryce Lenkaitis

Caden is the son of Al and Rhonda Lenkaitis. He is a member of Pleasant Valley Go-Getters 4-H Club and was a long time member of Farmin' Friends. Caden graduated from Eldorado High School and will attend the University of Illinois in the Fall to study Ag Communications.

Caden's favorite 4-H memory is of the Balloon Water Fight and the Water Slide during Fair Week.

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HONORING THE CLASS of 2024




Makayla Noelle Miller

Makayla is the daughter of James and Krista Miller. She is a member of Pleasant Valley Go-Getters 4-H Club. Makayla graduated from Classical Conversations and plans to start a career in Dog Grooming.

Makayla's favorite 4-H memory is of going to Dixon to compete at State for Dog Obedience and Rally with her dog January and spending time with her friend Hannah, who also showed her dog.

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Allison Moyer

Allison is the daughter of Kyle and Dana Oglesby. She is a member of Country Clovers 4-H Club and was a long time member of Farmin' Friends. Allison graduated from Harrisburg High School and plans to attend SIC in the Fall, before continuing her studies in Nursing.

Allison's favorite 4-H memory is showing with all her siblings and cousins every year.

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Laney Rae Rister

Laney is the daughter of Zach and Stacey Rister. She is a member of Pleasant Valley Go-Getters 4-H Club and has graduated from Carrier Mills-Stonefort High School. Laney has already started her full time job at Farmers State Bank.

Laney has fond 4-H memories of the water fight, prepping and showing her goats, and using her auction money to purchase the camper she stays in during Fair Week.

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Lillian Nicole Siler

Lily is the daughter of Jeff and Liz Siler. She is a member of Pleasant Valley Go-Getters 4-H Club and has held many Federation officer positions. Lily graduated from Harrisburg High School and will work at 2 youth conservation positions at Mesker Park Zoo and Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge this summer. She will attend SIC in the Fall to pursue a career in Marine Biology.


Lily's favorite 4-H memories are of spending time with her friends at State Fair and of the Fall Party.



Congratulations go out also to these Graduating Seniors...

Lena Stokich

Grace Trammel



Congratulations 4-H Graduates!

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Levi Tanner

Levi is the son of James and Melissa Tanner. He is a member of Country Clovers 4-H Club. Levi is graduating from Marion High School and plans to attend John A. Logan College in the Fall to major in Ag Business Management.

Levi's favorite 4-H memory is of showing cattle at the 4-H Livestock Shows.



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Kailyn McKenzie Williams

Kailyn is the daughter of Scott Payne and Amanda Payne. She is a member of Pleasant Valley Go-Getters 4-H Club and a long time member of Farmin' Friends. Kailyn graduated from Eldorado High School and plans to attend SIC to major in Ag Business.

Kailyn remembers the 4-H Water Fights and being picked to be thrown in the trough. She also has fond memories of taking her Grammy's scooter with her brother on the back to feed her horses during Fair Week.

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Hannah Ruth Wenzel

Hannah is the daughter of Daniel and Meredith Wenzel. She is a member of Pleasant Valley Go-Getters 4-H Club and is Vice-President of the 4-H Federation. Hannah was homeschooled and plans to attend SIC in the Fall. She would like to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.

Hannah's favorite 4-H memories are competing at the National Horse Bowl Competition and going to dog training with friends.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

We have an exciting tour planned for **Tuesday, June 25th at 10 am.**

Randy Drone, owner of Dinger Bats in Ridgway, has offered to give us a tour of the bat factory and show us how their world famous bats are made!

These bats are used by major league players in the U.S. and abroad, as well as by college, high school, and little league athletes.

The Dinger Bat website says, "No matter what league you play in, or the level you play at, everyone should experience the same quality craftsmanship of maple wood that professional baseball players merit."

I have to know how many youth and adults will join us for the tour, so I can let Randy know one week ahead. Please call the Extension office no later than Monday, June 17th to RSVP.

We will meet at Dinger Bats on Tuesday, June 25th at 10 am for a one hour tour. The address is: 109 Kimbro Street, Ridgway, IL.

4-H Fishing Contest Winner

Big Congratulations to our own Saline County 4-H'er, Caleb Wenzel. Caleb took 2nd place in the April Illinois 4-H Hooks Us Together Crappie Fishing Contest with this 15 inch beauty! Well Done, Caleb!

The May entries were Largemouth Bass, and the contest continues with Channel Catfish entries June 1-30.



National Night Results

Saline County 4-H National Night was held on April 22. Three clubs gathered 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 Hospitality was Country Clovers with Wisconsin. Receiving second place, a blue ribbon, a State Fair Alternate ribbon, and a certificate for Best Costumes was Pleasant Valley Go-Getters with Texas. Receiving third place, a blue ribbon, and a certificate for Best Table Display was Lads & Lassies with Kentucky.

Following the presentations, all present sampled the foods. Thank you to these clubs for participating, to the leaders and parents for their hard work, and to the Saline County Fair for providing the Livestock Building for us to use. Congratulations to all!



Country Clovers



Pleasant Valley Go-Getters



Lads & Lassies

State Hippology/Horse Bowl

Some of the 4-H Hippology team traveled to U of I for the State 4-H Hippology and Horse Speech Contest. It was a great learning experience for Raylan Murphy, Gracie Walker and Hannah Wenzel.



Hannah Wenzel placed 1st in Senior Extemporaneous Speaking for her speech on Laminitis. Hannah also placed 3rd in Senior Hippology, earning the right to tryout for the Illinois State Hippology team. This team will compete against youth from all over the country in November. Gracie Walker placed 4th in Interpretive Reading for her interpretation of "The Horse Trade" and also earned Reserve Champion in Intermediate Hippology. Congratulations!

Big thanks go to their coach Raegan Smith for all she has done to get these participants ready for the contest. If you know of a youth who might be interested in joining the 4-H Horse Bowl/Hippology Team, Raegan would be happy to give you more information.

4-H Calendar

June 2024

- 1 - QAEC and YQCA must be completed by this date. Last day to drop a project. Fair Entry Registrations due.
- 4, 12, 18 - Dog Obedience, 6 pm & 7 pm, Cheri's Shop
- 6 - Livestock Committee Meeting, 8 pm, Extension Office
- 15 - Small Pets Forms due
- 16 - Happy Father's Day to our 4-H Dads! We appreciate YOU!!!
- 17 - 4-H Federation Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 17 - Management Committee Meeting, 8 pm, Extension Office
- 19 - Juneteenth - Extension Office closed
- 25 - Dinger Bat Tour, 10 am, Ridgway, IL



July 2024

- 1 - State Fair Livestock Entries due
- 2, 9 - Dog Obedience, 6 pm & 7 pm, Cheri's shop
- 4 - Happy Independence Day! - Extension Office closed.
- 11 - 4-H Home & Family Show, 6 pm, Lion's Club (we will be setting up at 9 am)
- 12 - General Show Set-up, 9 am, Fairgrounds Floral Hall
- 12 - Livestock Clean-up, 6 pm, Fairgrounds area
- 13 - 4-H General Show, 9 am, Fairgrounds Floral Hall
- 16 - 4-H Dog Agility & Dog Rally Show, 7 pm, Cheri' shop
- 18 - 4-H Dog & Cat Shows, 6 pm, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 22 - 4-H Small Pets, Crops, Poultry Shows, 8:30 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 22 - 4-H Rabbit Show, 10 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 22 - 4-H Dairy Cattle Show, 1 pm, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 22 - 4-H Lamb & Meat Goat Weigh-outs, 5 pm, Stafford Building area
- 22 - 4-H Swine Weigh-out, 6 pm, Stafford Building area
- 22 - 4-H Beef Weigh-out, 7 pm (or after Swine Weigh-out), Stafford Building area
- 23 - 4-H Dairy Goat Show, 8 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 23 - 4-H Meat Goat Show, 30 min. after the end of Dairy Goat Show, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 23 - 4-H Horse & Pony Show, 3 pm, (check in at 2 pm) Horse Arena
- 24 - Junior Shows all day
- 25 - 4-H Swine Show, 8 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 25 - 4-H Sheep Show, 30 min. after the end of Swine Show, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 25 - 4-H Family Picnic, Noon, Fairgrounds
- 25 - 4-H Beef Show, 1 pm, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 26 - 4-H Tractor Operator's Contest, 8:30 am, east side of Fairgrounds
- 26 - Stockmen's Livestock Auction, 1 pm, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 27 - Livestock Clean-up, 8 am, Fairgrounds area
- 27 - Auction checks released approximately 10 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building



August 2024

- 8-18 - Illinois State Fair
- 11 - Saline County Day at the Illinois State Fair, Springfield
- 12 - 4-H Federation Meeting and Ice Cream Social, 6 pm, Harrisburg Park, Kiwanis Shelter.
Officer Petitions will be distributed.



Saline County Illinois 4-H Facebook Page

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.



Important Deadlines



Saline County Day at the Illinois State Fair is **Sunday, August 11, 2024.**

4-H Experience Awards Applications and/or 4-H Record Sheets and County Medal Applications are due **Friday, September 6, 2024.**



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