

Saline County 4-H Connection



Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members



October/November 2024

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Coloring Contest Sheet included!
Do your best coloring and return them
by October 15th.



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National 4-H Week - October 6-12, 2024

"Ready, Set, Grow with 4-H!"

This week we join over 6 million other 4-H members in celebrating National 4-H Week! How has 4-H helped you to grow as an individual in your skills, knowledge, and confidence? Celebrate National 4-H Week! Wear your 4-H shirt to school and tell others about 4-H!



Eldorado Mayor Rocky James signs the 2024 National 4-H Week proclamation, with Case of the Pleasant Valley Go-Getters 4-H Club as a witness.

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



Witnessing the signing of the 2024 National 4-H Week Proclamation by Harrisburg Mayor John McPeck were: Wyatt and Garrett from Country Clovers and Makayla and Laney from Pleasant Valley Go-Getters.

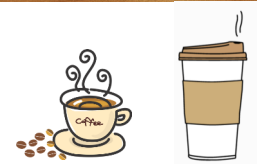


Country Clovers, Lads & Lassies, Pioneers, and Pleasant Valley Go-Getters members Brady, Addison, Avery, Darby, Garrett, Wyatt, Josie, Halle, Jaynee, Justus, Caitlyn, Emily, Abigail, Cayden and Karson witnessed the signing of the 2024 National 4-H Week Proclamation by Galatia Mayor Steve Sloan.

4-H Coffee Sleeves

Our Saline County 4-H Federation has purchased these Coffee Sleeves to use as promotional items during National 4-H Week. Big thanks to Steam Cafe for supporting Saline County 4-H by putting these coffee sleeves on their cups during National 4-H Week - October 6-12. And thanks to Cherry Street Printing and Awards for the excellent print job.

Consider inviting a friend to join Saline County 4-H this year. Tell them to stop by Steam Cafe to get a coffee and check out our new advertisement. They can scan the QR code to get started in 4-H or call or email the office to get enrollment information. Enrollment will open soon for the new year!



Saline County National 4-H Week Displays and posters must be in place by Sunday, October 6th. 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 21st for our annual Saline County 4-H Achievement Night. The program will begin at 7 pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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

Members who turned in their 4-H records will receive their plaque/trophy engraved with the awards earned at the 2024 summer 4-H shows.



Please RSVP by October 14th 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 17th 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 lot of volunteers, it should not take long.

THANKS!!!



Achievement Night Community Service Salad Dressing Food Drive

The Galatia Food Pantry and other food pantries in Saline County have expressed that they often get vegetables and salad ingredients, but they rarely get Salad Dressings. In particular, they mentioned that kids really like to dip vegetables in a ranch-style dressing. So, to ad"DRESS" this issue, if you are able, please bring a bottle of any type of salad dressing to Achievement Night, and we will deliver them to our local 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: Marissa Cullers

Treasurer: Garrett Arnold Reporter: Caroline Tanner

Congratulations! And Thank you for your willingness to serve!

These officers will be installed at Achievement Night on October 21st.



Federation Meetings

The Saline County 4-H Federation will hold a short meeting on Tuesday, October 8th during our volunteer night at Heaven's Kitchen. We will be finalizing plans for Achievement Night.



Our next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, 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 the meeting. We will be planning for our Christmas Party/ 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 Saturday, November 2nd, starting at 6:00 pm for a fun Fall evening!



We are planning a Bonfire and Wiener Roast, a Scavenger Hunt, and 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!

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 October 25th.



Fall Party Community Service

We will be collecting warm socks, hats, and/or gloves for the 4C's Homeless Shelter. I know they will appreciate your generosity.





Enrollment/Re-Enrollment



It is almost time to Enroll/Re-enroll in ZSuite for the 2024-25 year!

Families will be receiving an email from Lois giving instructions to enroll in ZSuite for the new 2024-25 4-H year. We are hoping for an early October start date.

Please do not try to enroll until you receive this email.

4-H Volunteers - You will be receiving an email soon with information about the new Volunteer Gateway Management System.

New Volunteers will start in this system and complete all their paperwork through it. This site should be available soon and those interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer will be directed there. **Existing Volunteers** should be able to access this site later in the fall and will receive an email with instructions.

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 Monday, December 16th.

Please clearly indicate if you DO or DO NOT want to appoint adults or youth to a committee.



PUMPKIN COLORING CONTEST

Check out the Harvest Fun Pumpkin Coloring Sheet!

We would love for you to do your best coloring and bring it in to the Extension Office by October 15th. We will decorate our office and door with your pictures. And...There may be some prizes for participants at Achievement Night.

Put your name, club, and age on the back of the coloring sheet.

Additional copies of the coloring sheet are available at the 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. I will keep the page updated with photos, meetings and events notices, and information to help you during the 4-H year.



Veterans Day Ceremony - Harrisburg American Legion



Saline County 4-H members, volunteers and families are invited to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Harrisburg American Legion. The ceremony will take place on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 11 am. The American Legion is located at 600 E. Logan Street in Harrisburg.

Veterans Day, originally Armistice Day, commemorates the November 11, 1918, armistice signing at 11 a.m., (“the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month”), which suspended active hostilities and effectively ended the First World War. In 1938, through an act of Congress, November 11th was made a legal holiday.

You must RSVP with Nancy by November 4th if you plan to attend. We will sit together as a 4-H group at the ceremony and I need to know how many tables to reserve. Lunch is usually served following the ceremony.

Cell Phone Photography Workshop

Join 4-H Youth Development Educator, Lindsay Adams, for a Cell Phone Photography Workshop.

The workshop will be held on **Monday, November 11, 2024 from 1-3 pm.** (This is the Veteran’s Day holiday.)

We will meet at the **Harrisburg Park Kiwanis Shelter** (close to the Bandstand)

Bring your Smartphone and Lindsay will show you the ins and outs of how to take great pictures, possibly for your next 4-H Photography project. Then we will explore the park to put our knowledge to use.

The workshop has a limit of 20 participants.

You **MUST** RSVP no later than November 4th by calling the Extension office or sending Nancy an email.

**Saline County 4-H
Phone Photography**

Join our 4-H Photography Workshop! Bring your smartphone and learn composition, lighting, and techniques to capture amazing photos..

**November 11th 1-3 pm @
Harrisburg Park
Contact Nancy to RSVP**

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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 6th - 12th.

Items in black would help a lot with Thanksgiving meals!

October 1 - dessert - boxed mix

October 2 - jar of peanut butter

October 3 - box of cereal

October 4 - jar of applesauce

October 5 - canned tuna

October 6 - cranberry sauce

October 7 - stuffing mix

October 8 - canned sweet potatoes

October 9 - boxed potatoes

October 10 - canned corn

October 11 - canned green beans

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 2024

- 1 - 31 - Unit 24 October 4-H Club Food Challenge
- 6 - 12 - **National 4-H Week! "Ready, Set, Grow with 4-H!"** Displays and Posters in place by October 6th.
- 8 - 4-H Serves @ Heaven's Kitchen, Presbyterian Annex in Harrisburg, 4 - 6 pm
- 8 - Short Federation Meeting at Heaven's Kitchen
- 14 - RSVP for 4-H Achievement Night
- 15 - Return your Coloring Contest Sheets by today!
- 17 - Achievement Night Set up, beginning at 4 pm, Fairgrounds Livestock Building
- 21 - **Achievement Night, 7 pm, Saline County Fairgrounds Livestock Building**
- 25 - RSVP for Fall Party
- 31 - Happy Halloween!



November 2024

- 2 - Federation Meeting @ the Fairgrounds Livestock Building, 5:00 pm
- 2 - 4-H Fall Party - 6:00 pm, Saline County Fairgrounds
- 3 - Daylight Savings Time ends - set your clocks back 1 hour.
- 11 - Veterans Day - 11 am, Harrisburg American Legion
- 11 - Cell Phone Photography Workshop, 1-3 pm, Harrisburg Park
- 28-29 - Happy Thanksgiving! The Extension office will be closed. Enjoy your holiday!

December 2024

- 10 - Decorate the 4-H Float in the Livestock Building. (More Details TBA)
- 12 - 4-H Float in the Harrisburg Christmas Lights Parade
- 16 - 4-H Club Forms due in to the Extension office



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