



Hamilton County Clover News

International Night Plans Underway!

International Night will be held in the courthouse basement in conjunction with Hamilton County Home & Community Education. Mark your calendars for Monday, October 9 at 5:30 p.m. All clubs should have their displays set up by 4:30 p.m. and each club will have 15 minutes to showcase their display.

Barbwire Gang-4:30

Funny Farmers -4:45

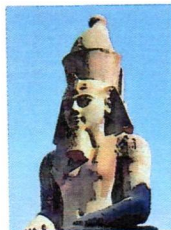
Piopolis Busy Bees—5:00

Pioneer Country Kids—5:15

Walpolians—5:30

Each club is asked to set up a booth and supply a sample of food from their respective country. This can include posters, food, dance, costumes etc. It can be a skit or just telling their part. Remember each child will need to participate in order to be judged and ribbons awarded.

Following the judging, the booths will be open for public viewing and sampling at 5:30. This is a great way to learn about another countries styles, customs, traditions and food. A Best of Show trophy will be awarded.



4-H'ers to be Honored at Achievement Night

The annual Achievement Night program will be held Monday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hamilton County Courthouse basement. Make plans to join us for an evening of fun as leaders, members and Clover Buds are recognized. Several awards and recognition will be given to deserving individuals. Please bring a finger food to share. The annual slide show should prove to be entertaining for all as well as we



review the past year and prepare to build a

future through 4-H.

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Federation Meeting Scheduled

The next Federation meeting is scheduled for October 9 at 1:00 p.m. We will be discussing International Night, Achievement Night and Haunted Trail. Please plan to join us!



JOIN THE TEAM. CHANGE THE WORLD.



Gracie Wins 4th at State Poultry Judging Competition

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Judging contests help kids improve their decision-making skills while teaching them to defend those decisions by giving voice to their reasoning. Poultry judging teaches standards of poultry and egg production to ensure a safe and nutritious consumer product. Youth from across Illinois gathered for the Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest held Aug. 10 in conjunction with the Illinois State Fair.



Participants compete in classes of past egg production hens, ready-to-cook fryers, ready-to-cook poultry parts, broken out eggs, shell eggs, and exterior egg quality.

In the junior division, top placings went to Lydia Worsham, Macon County, first; Anna Wier, DuPage County, second; Kari Wier, DuPage County, third; Gracie Walker, Hamilton County, fourth; Beth Schurers, Will County, fifth; Abby Henning, Will County, sixth; Charlotte Wilson, LaSalle County, seventh; Nathanael Vickery, Kendall County, eighth; and Korra Wilson, LaSalle County, ninth.

In the senior division, top placings went to Rachel Dickson, Kendall County, first; Madison Glenn, Kendall County, second; Faustina Krysciak, Kendall County, third; Julia Muschetto, Will County, fourth; and Matthew Selucky, Will County, fifth.

The four highest senior 4-H members will be selected to participate on the state team. The individuals that score the highest will be invited to participate in the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, KY.

4-H Mum Sale Successful

Thank you to all who sold mums. Our goal was 100 and we sold 115! Congratulations to Natalie Lemke who sold 17! She will receive a prize at Achievement Night! Everyone that sold 3 or more is invited to a pizza party on October 2 at 6 p.m. following the officer training! Blu Barrow, Warren Bishop, Finn and Leah Bowling, Raylee Camden, Emilee Cox, Natalie Lemke, Cecelia Lueke, Gracie Walker, and Ainsley Willis. Thank You!

Gracie Walker Takes 2nd Place at the State Livestock Skill a thon

The State Livestock skill—thon competition was fierce and the results were so close. It started with a 13 way tie breaker for swine. Then, a five way tie breaker for sheep. Followed by two rounds of tie breakers between Gracie and Macie for the Supreme Overall Champion. Macie beat Gracie by tenths of a second to win.



Congratulations to Gracie Walker from Hamilton County on your second place finish! Way to Go!



4-H Can Make a Difference Successful

On behalf of the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team, I would like to say thank you to participants of the 2023 Illinois 4-H Canned Food Drive! We had 26 counties participate and collected 1,373 items. The winning county and unit received funds to support local community service initiatives for the 2023-2024 4-H Year. Congratulations to DuPage County and Unit 5!

Top Counties:	Top Units:
1. DuPage	Unit 5
2. Vermilion	Unit 13
3. Cook	Unit 18

Congratulations, Hamilton County! We placed 5th!



Hamilton County 4-H Members Win Awards at the Illinois State Fair



Nine 4-H members from Hamilton County exhibited at this year's Illinois State Fair.

The best of the best award-winning 4-H members from across Illinois competed at the county level before advancing to the state level to compete in the 4-H General Project Show held August 12 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. Exhibitors could qualify for grand champion, reserve champion, or an inspire award in their project area. Youth can compete in the same area they have exhibited in in the past, or choose a new area.

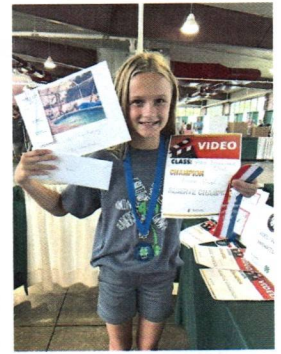


Aydan Hood, 15 year-old Hamilton County 4-H member placed first to claim the grand champion title in the Robotics 2 project area and his sister 12 year-old Emma Hood received grand champion in Video Innovation Class.

Their younger brother 9 year-old Corbyn Hood earned reserve champion in Robotics 1 Intermediate. 15 year-old Shiloh Willis received reserve champion with her Advanced Food Decorating and 13 year-old Gracie Walker earned herself reserve champion with her Electricity 2 project.

10 year-old Nola Launius was awarded the Inspire Award in Beginning Shopping in Style project. Inspire Award winners occupy a special category of "judge's choice," and signified that the project inspired the judge in some way.

Other Hamilton County exhibitors were Emilee Cox, Lainey Davis and Granger Wilson. Congratulations to all!



Antique Angel

Program

Hamilton Memorial Hospital Senior Enrichment program is now accepting nominations for its annual Antique Angel program.



To nominate someone, please fill out the nomination form and return it to the fax number listed. Nomination forms can be found at <https://www.hmhospital.org/hmhd-senior-enrichment>.

Once they get the list of nominees, they will be needing supplies donated to each angel. If your club would like to participate and adopt an angel, do so on your own but let me know so I can count it on your records as a county project.

UNIT 24

String Art

WORKSHOP

October 5, 2023
5:30
White Co. Ext. Office

Boards are 15in. x 6.5in.
perfect for your name or a long narrow design.
Please send design to
amccarty@illinois.edu by Oct. 4
so she will have it printed.

Illinois Extension

2023 Junior Leadership Conference

The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun-filled event which provides junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th grades) a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H projects and leadership, such as communication, decision making, and teamwork while engaging in hands-on activities.

Conference Date: November 4-5, 2023

Conference location: Decatur Hotel & Conference Center, 4191 US 36 West, Decatur, IL 62522; Hotel phone: 217-422-8800

Open to: any 4-H member in 7th or 8th grade

Cost: \$200 (lodging, t-shirt, meals, conference supplies and activities)



Registration deadline: October 13, 2023

Registration is limited to the first 100 youth who register.

Participants are encouraged to register early as this conference usually reaches capacity before the registration deadline. A waitlist will be activated once capacity is reached.

How to register: Participants may visit the Jr. Leadership Conference website to register.

Required forms: All forms will be included in the online registration form.

Scholarships: Scholarship funds are available for 4-H member attendees who need financial assistance in order to attend. To apply, fill out the information requested on the conference registration. Your spot will be saved until we contact you regarding your scholarship status. We appreciate the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation for providing these scholarships.

Payment options during registration:

Members pay on their own by credit card at the time of registration.

My County is Paying. Some (not all) counties may be able to assist with the registration fee. Members need to check with local extension staff prior to registration. A list will be sent to counties prior to the conference to verify that county will pay.

Scholarship needed. Members will apply directly during the conference registration process.

Counties Supplementing or Paying for Registration Fee:

Counties may pay for the entire registration fee by doing a transfer of funds form and contacting Karen Bickers, kbickers@illinois.edu to complete that process.

If county is paying for only a portion of the registration fee, counties need to collect any remaining amount of the registration fee directly from families. Families may register their member and select the 'county is paying' option.

Cancellations & Refunds: Cancellations made by Oct. 1, 2023 will receive a full refund. Please let us know if you cannot attend so that we may let someone on the waiting list have the opportunity to experience this event. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after Oct. 1, 2023 as event supplies have already been ordered. All cancellations and refund requests must be received in writing to the State 4-H Office by emailing Carla Blue, blue1@illinois.edu.

Conference Check In on Saturday, Nov. 4: 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Conference Program begins: 11:00 AM

Pick Up on Sunday, Nov. 5: 11:30 AM

Candy Making Workshop

Mark your calendar for the annual candy making workshop on Friday, November 17 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse basement. We will be making candy for pre-sale candy orders and candy to sell at the vendor fair on December 2 in the old high school gym. Just as in the past please bring chocolate or white almond bark, peanut butter, cream cheese, powdered sugar, Oreos, dry roasted peanuts, large pretzel rods, Christmas sprinkles, rice Krispies, butter, miniature marshmallows and anything else to be used to make candies. The order form will be emailed out soon.



Congratulations on 1st Place Float at Fall Festival

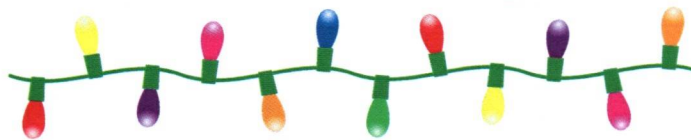
Thank you to all 4-H members, leaders and parents for all the help building the 4-H float. And to Gracie and Conie Walker for help tearing it down.



Thank you to all the walkers in the parade and for supplying candy! You all did a fantastic job and looked great!



Christmas on the Square



We will once again be selling candy at our booth at the Rotary Holiday Vendor Fair on December 2 in the old high school gym. We will also be operating the food counter. It is very important that all 4-H members help for a couple hours if possible. Call the office to sign up for a shift. Following the Vendor Fair we will be preparing for the parade with our 4-H entry then conducting games in the basement after the parade. As you can see it will be all hands on deck, so please do what you can to help make this day successful.

Christmas Parade Planned

This year's theme for the Christmas Parade is "A Christmas Carol". We talked at the last float building and came up with "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." It will have a tree in the middle with rockers dancing around. We plan to use the 50's theme so poodle skirts, leather jackets, juke box, with the caption 4-H Rocks!

So watch the clearance racks after Halloween for those outfits! The prince and princess will once again ride the float. Let's rock it!



creative!

Following the parade we will once again offer free games in the courthouse basement. If you have an idea for a new game we would love to have you lead that game. Remember this is a great way to earn points in leadership. Just make it Christmas themed and be

Holiday Mitten Tree

Just as in the past we will have a mitten tree in the office. Please feel free to drop off any mittens, hats and scarves before December 10. They will be donated locally to needy children.



4-H to Host Haunted Trail

Several former 4-H members may remember all the fun we had at the Haunted Trail that used to be held at Dolan Lake!



Well it's BACK! We have changed our location to the Disc Golf Course located at the old Rogers Dewitt Park.

Audera Willis is the chairman of the Haunted Trail committee but will need help from many members and parents to make it successful.

We plan to hold a twilight no scare walk at 6:00 p.m. followed by the real haunting beginning at 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$3 for twilight walk and \$5 for Haunted Trail.

If you love Halloween and scaring people please help us plan this event! Contact the office if you have ideas. If you have no ideas but want to just show up that evening to scare people we can put you to work. It will take many helpers to make it successful!

Side Walk Chalk Contest

Chalk Drawing Event!

4-H community event!
(You do not have to be a 4-H member to participate!)

Come to have fun, and a good time!

Where: At the sidewalk around the square

Time: 1:00-2:00 PM

When: September 30th

Come to have fun!

BAZAART

HAUNTED TRAIL

FOX PRAIRIE DISC GOLF COURSE

SAT | OCT 28 | 6-10 PM

7542 GOLF COURSE RD
MCLEANSBORO, IL 62859

No scares from 6-7 pm
Cost per person \$3

Scares from 7-10 pm
Cost per person \$5

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of these programs, please contact the University of Illinois Extension office at 618-643-3416

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National 4-H Week Activities

All around the nation 4-H members are preparing for National 4-H Week October 2-6. This years theme is "4-H is a Feeling".

We plan to kick off the weekend with a Sidewalk Chalk Contest sponsored by Barbwire Gang and led by the Aydan, Emma and Corbyn Hood. It will be held on the sidewalk surrounding the courthouse lawn and begin at 1:00 pm. Youth will have 1 hour to complete their square and there will be different age categories.



Monday October 2 we will hold an officer training after school until 6:00 p.m. Plan to attend if you are an officer in your club or just want to learn how a meeting should be conducted.

Tuesday October 3 members plan to hide rocks around town

Wednesday October 4 members are asked to decorate their lockers or desks at school to show your 4-H or Green and White pride! Also wear 4-H shirts that day.

Thursday October 5 members plan to make and deliver cookies to 4-H sponsors

Friday October 6 will be thank your leader and parents for all they do to help you in 4-H!

Unit 24 4-H FALL PARTY

You are invited to the (Unit-wide) 4-H Fall Party and Wiener Roast! Join us at the Saline County 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!

Fall Party Community Service : We will be collecting warm socks for the 4C's Homeless Shelter.

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

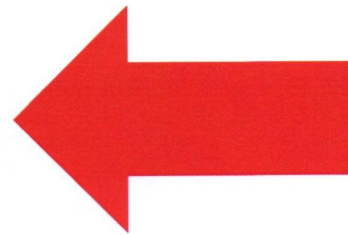
Unit 24 4-H October Club
FOOD CHALLENGE

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 17 - package of pasta
October 2 - canned sweet potatoes	October 18 - spaghetti sauce
October 3 - boxed potatoes	October 19 - chicken noodle soup
October 4 - canned corn	October 20 - tomato soup
October 5 - canned green beans	October 21 - mixed vegetables
October 6 - cranberry sauce	October 22 - canned carrots
October 7 - dessert boxed - boxed mix	October 23 - canned peaches
October 8 - jar of peanut butter	October 24 - combread mix
October 9 - box of cereal	October 25 - cake mix
October 10 - jar of applesauce	October 26 - canned frosting
October 11 - canned tuna	October 27 - canned pears
October 12 - canned tomatoes	October 28 - package of rice
October 13 - box of crackers	October 29 - mushroom soup
October 14 - canned beans	October 30 - macaroni & cheese
October 15 - canned fruit cocktail	October 31 - bag of candy
October 16 - package of oatmeal	

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Please feel free to collect any or all these food items and bring to Achievement Night this will count as a Unit 24 community service project

and you will not even leave the county. All food collected will stay in Hamilton County

Officer Training School

Please plan to join us on October 2 from 4-6 p.m. for Officer training school. You will learn how to perform your duties of your office and how to properly conduct a meeting. Even if you do not hold an office you can come and learn how to take on leadership rolls. Plan to stay for pizza!



Pizza Party Planned

If you sold 3 or more mums you are invited to a pizza party on Monday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. We will eat pizza and play games. Come join the fun! Those selling 3 or more mums were: Blu Barrow, Warren Bishop, Finn and Leah Bowling, Raylee Camden, Emilee Cox, Natalie Lemke, Cecelia Lueke, Gracie Walker, and Ainsley Willis.

Upcoming Dates

- September 30 Sidewalk Chalk Contest 1 p.m.
October 2-7 National 4-H Week
October 2 Officer Training 4:00 p.m. / after school
October 2 Mum Sale Pizza Party 6:00 p.m.
October 3 Hide rocks around town
October 4 Wear green and 4-H and decorate lockers at school
October 5 Make and deliver cookies to sponsors
October 5 Unit 24 String Art Workshop Carmi 5:30 p.m.
October 6 Thank your 4-H volunteer and parent
October 9 Federation Meeting 1 p.m.
October 9 International Night 4:30 judging starts
October 10 & 11 Ag Institute 9:00-noon fairgrounds
October 13 JLC registration deadline
October 23 Achievement Night 6:00 p.m.
October 28 Haunted Trail 6:00
November 1 Experience Award Applications, Illinois 4-H Scholarship Applications Deadline
November 4-5 Junior Leadership Conference—Decatur
November 9 Unit 24 Fall Party Saline County Fairgrounds 6:30 p.m.
November 17 Candy Making Workshop 9:00 a.m.
December 2 Christmas Vendor Fair 9-2
December 2 Christmas Parade 6:00
December 2 Games in Basement (following the parade)
December 10 Mitten Tree deadline
January 31 Sustaining the Future Award Deadline

4-H is Online 24/7

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global>



HCE Holds Cultural Arts Show

Congratulations to the 4-H members who entered items in the show: Gracie Walker, Emilee Cox, Shiloh Willis. I hope we will have several more entries next year!



Youth Sponsors: Hamilton County Coal, Rubenacker Farms, Consolidated Grain and Barge, Wabash Valley Service Company, Dahlgren Building Center, Farm Credit Services, SynEnergy Partners, Thomas Farms, Honeysuckle Vine Events, McNeil Consulting, Hamilton County Home & Community Education, Larry Pauketat, Lisa Cross Financial Advisor, Food Park, Wilson Computers, Corteva, York Pharmacy, Auten's Pizza, Christopher Johnson Seed LLC, Bunge SCF, Hamilton County Rotary, Hamilton Memorial Hospital District, McLeansboro Kiwanis, Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Roger Swartz, Banterra Bank and Insurance, Peoples National Bank, Posey County Co-Op, Southern FS, City of McLeansboro, McLeansboro Elks, Mike Harre/The Big Red Barn, Fairfield National Bank, H & R Agri Power, Woodrow Farms, Justin Drake Country Companies, Archer-Daniel-Midland, Aydt Hardware, Bowling and Associates CPA Firm LTD, Countertop Creations, Lynn Braden State Farm Insurance, Edward Jones-Tim Millenbine, Country Mutual Insurance-Chad Mitsdarffer, Fender Mender Auto Body, Hamilton County Water District, Lakeland, Gary & Mary Little, Burnt Hill Cattle Company