

Saline County 4-H Connection



Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members

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IMPORTANT - Forms must be returned by May 13th! May 15th is a Sunday this year.

Date: _____

SALINE COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION SHEET

Exhibitors of Cattle, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Goats and Rabbits **must have** the following information filled out and returned to the University of Illinois Extension office by **May 15** of each year.

All Market Animals (including beef, goats, sheep, and swine) not weighed in and tattooed at weigh-ins must be tattooed (or ear-tagged/notched if swine) and reported to the office **within 10 days** of the weigh-in.

All Breeding and Market Animals must be reported on this sheet. Please separate or clearly indicate Breeding or Market.

Species <small>(cattle, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit)</small>	Breed <small>(and Registration Number if Registered Purebred)</small>	Birth Date of Animal	Sex of Animal	Tattoo, Tag, or Ear Notch Number

My 4-H animal project(s) will be kept at the following address:

I understand that I am responsible for the care and feeding of my animal project(s).



Name: _____

Signature: _____

Club: _____

Date of Birth: _____

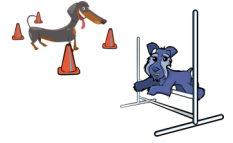
Return to the Extension Office no later than MAY 15.
Projects not entered by May 15 will NOT be allowed
to sell in the Livestock Auction.

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Dog Obedience & Agility Classes Begin On APRIL 26

Dog Obedience, Showmanship, and Agility classes will begin on Tuesday, April 26. Classes will be held at instructor Cheri White's Shop at 613 W. Elm St. in Harrisburg. Classes will continue each Tuesday for 10 weeks, concluding on Tuesday, July 12. (There will be no classes on Tuesday, June 7th.)



On April 26th, **first year exhibitors** should arrive at **6 pm** for an introduction to the course. **Bring your dog's shot records, but leave your dog at home.** Exhibitors attending classes for their second year or more should arrive at **7 pm** with their dogs and shot records. If you have questions about these classes, please call Cheri White at 618-926-0787.

The **Dog Agility 4-H Show** will be held at **Cheri White's** on **Tuesday, July 19 at 7 pm.** Dog Care, Obedience, and Showmanship - along with Cat Care - will be held on **Thursday, July 21 at 6 pm** at the Fairgrounds.

Horse & Pony Validation Forms Due May 1



Saline County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Validation Forms (along with photos of your horse if you plan to show at State Fair) will be due in to the Extension office no later than May 1. **Youth will need to fill out one copy per horse that you may possibly bring to the show.**

Horse & Pony Validation forms are available at the Extension Office. Let me know if you need one.

All Exhibitors must have a completed **4-H Lifetime Release from Liability** form on file at the Extension office. **Helmets are required for all 4-H Horse & Pony mounted exhibitors in or out of the show ring.**

We are working on a June Horse & Pony Clinic. More information will follow soon.

Stockmen's Youth Rabbit Show & Clinic



The Saline County Stockmen's Association is sponsoring a Youth Rabbit Show & Clinic on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Saline County Fairgrounds. Registration begins at 9:30 am and the Show begins at 10 am. This show is open to all youth ages 6-19.

Classes will be determined based on entries. Awards will be given for the top three places in each class and for Best of Show. There is no entry fee. Each class will pay at least three places.

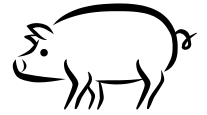
This is a clinic, so bring your questions for the judge.

This is your opportunity to tattoo your rabbits for the Saline County 4-H Rabbit Show in July. Rabbit entries with the tattoo number are due in to the Extension Office on the Livestock Registration Sheet on Friday, May 13th. (May 15th is a Sunday this year.)

For more information, please contact Rabbit Superintendent Cindy Boulds at 618-294-0047.

Swine Weigh-In

The Saline County 4-H Swine Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, **April 2 at 1:00 pm** at the Fairgrounds. 4-H members enrolled in Market Swine projects who want to participate in the Swine Rate of Gain Contest should plan to attend.



840 tags may be substituted for A tags or B tags in Swine Projects. If they are being used in place of A tags (at weigh-in) the 840 tag must be in the animal's ear prior to weigh-in. If they are being used in place of B tags, the 840 tag must be placed in the ear and the number reported to the Extension office within 10 days of the weigh-in.



Lamb & Meat Goat Weigh-In

The Saline County 4-H Lamb and Goat Weigh-Ins will be held on Saturday, **April 23 at 1:00 pm** at the Fairgrounds. 4-H members enrolled in Market Sheep or Market Goat projects who want to participate in the Saline County Rate of Gain Contests should plan to attend.



Goats - Wethers born September to February must be banded or castrated by weigh-in. March-born wethers must be banded or castrated by May 31 and reported to the Goat Superintendent. All bucks born April to fair must show in breeding buck classes.

YQCA CERTIFICATION - NEW SITE

4-H members exhibiting **Beef Cattle, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Goats, or Sheep** are required to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals** certification (YQCA). This statewide certification must be completed annually. **Youth MUST complete this training prior to the Saline County 4-H livestock shows.** This does not apply to youth exhibiting animal or veterinary science poster projects.

YQCA has changed the delivery platform.

Here is what we need you to do...Visit <https://yqcaprogram.org> and create a new account and password. You can use your previous email and password, as old system is gone and new system cannot communicate with it.

We have a face-to-face training scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd, at 2 pm at the Saline County Fairgrounds following the Lamb/Goat Weigh-ins. The training will take approximately 1 hour. We will send out information soon about how to register online for the class and pay the \$3 fee.

A Big Thank You to the Saline County Stockmen's Association. They have generously offered to reimburse the \$3 to all those who register and attend this training.

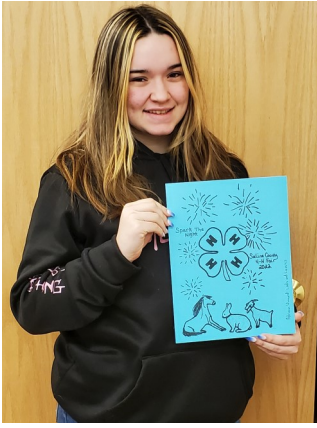
You can also register online and take the online course at your convenience. Cost for that option is \$12. We will email instructions also for those completing the course online.

QAEC

Exhibitors of Cat, Dog, Horse, Poultry, and/or Rabbits are required to take the **Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification** (QAEC) training. QAEC training is only required once in the member's career and is offered free of charge. Please visit: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/> to take the training.

The deadline for both the YQCA and QAEC trainings is June 1.

*****Livestock Registration Sheets are available at the Extension Office.*****



Handbook Cover Contest Winner

Congratulations to Adriana Vinyard! Adriana's 2021-22 Handbook Cover entry was chosen as the winner this year! Adriana is a member of Lads & Lassies 4-H Club. Her entry will be the cover of our 2021-22 Saline County 4-H Handbook and she will receive recognition and a monetary award at Achievement Night.

Alice Miller of the Country Clovers 4-H Club had the Honorable Mention entry this year. Her entry will be featured on the inside back cover of the handbook.

Congratulations to Adriana and Alice!

Handbooks are ready and available at the Extension office. We have printed one per family. Leaders are encouraged to pick up handbooks for their club members now.

4-H Green Communities Tree Planting on April 2nd!!!



Saline County 4-H is participating the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program. Illinois 4-H is partnering with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Forestry Committee to address the decline of native oak savannas by providing 25 4-ft. oak trees (in containers) to interested counties.

Saline County 4-H is receiving trees. We will be planting them on **April 2nd**, following the Swine Weigh-in (around 2 pm) at the Saline Co. Fairgrounds. Please call the Extension office if you can help with the tree planting. We NEED lots of help!!!!

Please bring shovels and wear rubber boots.



Hands-on community service, conservation, and environmental education are key components the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program happening this spring in 31 counties throughout Illinois. Find resources here: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-green-communities-tree-program>

Public Presentations

Our Saline County Public Presentations Contest has been rescheduled for Monday, April 4, at 6 pm at the Extension Office. The contest traditionally includes speeches, food demonstrations, other demonstrations and flower arranging.



The State 4-H Public Speaking Contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Parkland Community College in Champaign, IL. Deadline for submissions is April 8.



Federation News

The Saline County 4-H Federation held a business meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022. We discussed the success of Cosmic Bowling and the Birthday Bag Community Service, the tree planting event on April 2nd, and serving at Heaven's Kitchen in June. We also voted to purchase new chairs for the fairgrounds.

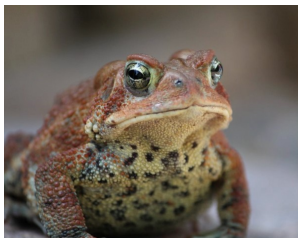
Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9th at 5:30 pm. The location has not been determined yet, but we plan to be outside, possibly at the park or Dairy Queen.

Management Committee News

Saline County 4-H Management Committee met on Monday, March 21, 2022. The committee heard reports from Federation and the Livestock Committee. Members present approved the 2021-22 4-H Handbook, including the Livestock changes, and the July Show Calendar. The committee also decided to offer the option for youth to complete the 4-H Record pages that were used previously in Saline County. The Experience Award Application will still be available for those who want to apply for a State Award.

In addition, Management Committee Officers were elected. They are:
Chairman - James Bond; Vice Chairman - Tim Arnold; and Secretary - Rachel Lands.

Future meeting dates were set: Monday, June 27 at 8 pm, Monday, September 12 at 7 pm, and Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7 pm.



Join State Fair Champion Olivia Hansen to learn more about the 4-H Photography Project area.

Learn things such as:

What details of your camera you must know to show your project.

How to show your project, such as framing, and what must be attached to the framed photo.

Photos courtesy of Olivia Hansen



Register by April 19, 2022:
<https://go.illinois.edu/PHPhotography>



Photography Workshop

Thursday, April 21, 2022
6 - 7 PM

Dixon Springs Ag Center, Classroom



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Saline County Farm Bureau 2022 4-H Project Grant



The Saline County Farm Bureau is offering 4-H Project Grants this year. All 4-H members ages 8-18 are eligible to apply.

This grant program is designed to provide financial support to 4-H members to purchase materials needed to complete a successful 4-H project.

Grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from a minimum of \$25 - \$150. There is a limit of one grant per 4-H member per year.

Applications are due by June 1 and must be signed by the 4-H Club Leader and a parent/guardian. Applications will be emailed to all youth, and additional copies will be available at the Extension Office. All purchases must be made prior to exhibition at a Saline County 4-H Show, and receipts must be submitted no later than July 15th, 2022.

We encourage youth to apply for a project grant. It could be a tremendous help with your project expenses.

THANK YOU SALINE COUNTY FARM BUREAU!!!!

Family Camp Spring 2022

Family Camp is back for 2022! If you have been hearing about how much fun families had at 4-H Memorial Camp last summer and wanted a chance to experience it yourself, now is your chance. May 20 -22, 2022 we will be holding a Spring Family Camp weekend. Your family will get to stay in their own cabin, have all meals provided from Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch, and get to participate in all the fun activities we have planned including swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, rock climbing, fun S.T.E.M. activities, hikes, etc. You can find pictures of last year's Family Camp on our [Facebook Page](#).

Dates: May 20-22

Fees: Cabin Rental- \$210

Participant Fee- 8 years old and older: \$81/person, 4-7 years old: \$54/person, under 3- no charge

***At least one child must be 4-H Age (5-18)**

Each cabin has 10 beds

More information and registration forms can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp Website <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp> .

Come see for yourself what everyone is talking about!



4-H Memorial Camp Summer Youth Camp

Registration for our Summer Youth Camps at 4-H Memorial Camp is underway! We still have spaces for female campers for each session. We have filled all of our spots for male campers but have started waiting lists for each session in case any spots open up. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

Camp Dates

June 5-9, 2022; June 12-16, 2022; July 5-9, 2022; July 17-21, 2022

Program details and registration materials are available on our website: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp>. To see pictures of past youth camps, please visit our [Facebook](#) page.

4-H Memorial Camp - Summer Employment

We are still looking for additional camp staff and counselors! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping.

Arts & Crafts program staff (18 years old minimum) Mid May-July 29

Details: This paid position includes room and board.

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Dates

May 31-June 4	Training;	June 5-9 Youth Camp Session 1;	June 12-16 Youth Camp Session 2;
June 26-July 1	Camp Corral;	July 5-9 Youth Camp Session 3;	July 17-21 Youth Camp Session 4

Details: This paid position includes room and board for the above session dates.

Kitchen Workers (Hourly positions)

Dates: End of May thorough Mid-August **Duties:** Wash dishes, sweep/mop floors, help with setup/cleanup of meals, and other duties as assigned. Breakfast/Lunch and Afternoon/Dinner shifts.

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.

If you have any questions, please contact: Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu or Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu (217) 762-2741.



4-H Calendar

April 2022

- 2 - Swine Weigh-in, 1 pm, Fairgrounds
- 2 - 4-H Green Communities Tree Planting - following Swine Weigh-in
- 4 - Saline County 4-H Public Presentations, 6 pm, Extension Office
- 9 - Celebration of Excellence Awards Banquet, U of I Campus. Congratulations Rachel Lands!
- 17 - Happy Easter!
- 23 - Lamb/Goat Weigh-in, 1 pm Fairgrounds
- 23 - YQCA Face-to-Face Training, 2:00-3:00 pm, Fairgrounds
- 26 - 1st Dog Obedience class at Cheri White's, 6 pm & 7 pm
- 30 - State Public Speaking Contest



May 2022

- 1 - Last day to enroll in 4-H and in a project to exhibit at a 2022 Saline Co. 4-H Show
- 1 - Horse Validation forms due
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Dog Obedience class, 6 pm & 7 pm, Cheri's shop
- 7 - Stockmen's' Rabbit Clinic and Tattooing opportunity, 9:30 am, Fairgrounds
- 8 - Happy Mother's Day to our 4-H Moms! We appreciate you!
- 9 - Federation Meeting, 5:30 pm, Location TBA
- 13 - Livestock Registration forms due by this date to the Extension office - all Breeding and Market animals
(May 15th is a Sunday, so forms MUST be turned in by Friday, May 13th.)
- 30 - Memorial Day - Extension office closed.



June 2022

- 1 - QAEC and YQCA must be completed by this date. Last day to drop a project. Fair Entry Registrations due.
- 8 - Livestock Committee Meeting, 8 pm, Extension office
- 14, 21, 28 - Dog Obedience Class, 6 pm & 7 pm, Cheri's Shop
- 15 - Small Pets Forms due
- 19 - Happy Father's Day to our 4-H Dads! We appreciate you!
- 20 - Juneteenth - Extension office closed.
- 27 - Management Committee Meeting, 8 pm, Extension office



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