

# Saline County 4-H Connection



Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members

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*Best Wishes for a very  
Merry Christmas  
from the Saline County 4-H Staff!*



**WISHING YOU ALL A  
PEACEFUL, HAPPY AND  
HEALTHY  
NEW YEAR!**



**2022!**

**How Many Ways to Say - "Merry Christmas"**



**Search this newsletter for some of the many ways to say  
"Merry Christmas" around the world.**

**The first three 4-H or Cloverbud members to email [nlambert@illinois.edu](mailto:nlambert@illinois.edu) with  
the correct number of "Merry Christmases" AND the language (Country) where  
these messages of Christmas cheer originate will win a fabulous prize!**

**And remember..."The best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for  
all to hear!" - ELF**

**Feliz Navidad**



## October Club Food Challenge



Makayla Miller - Pleasant Valley Go-Getters with her food donation.



Jocelyn Oxford -Lads & Lassies. Donated to Equality Food Pantry.

Thank you to all who collected food and delivered it to the various food pantries. I know it is much appreciated!

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Hallee and Jaynee Whitlock along with Karson and Cayden Baird - Lads & Lassies. Donated to Galatia Food Pantry.



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## Federation Merry Christmas Party

We would like to invite all youth of the county to attend our annual Saline County 4-H Federation Christmas Party.



Please join us over Zoom for a Virtual Christmas Party on **Thursday, December 2nd** at **6:30 pm**. Send me an email at: [nlambert@illinois.edu](mailto:nlambert@illinois.edu) by

November 30th to let me know that you will join us. I will send out the Zoom link.

**Grab some hot cocoa with marshmallows, or your favorite beverage, and join us for a fun Christmas Craft and Christmas Game.**

**Wear your favorite Christmas sweater or Santa hat.**

Can't wait to see you!

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## Ring the Bells for Salvation Army

Saline County 4-H will be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army on Friday evening, December 17th from 6 - 7 pm at Harrisburg Kroger. We would love for you to join us!

Meet us at the Kroger entrance at 5:45 pm. Masks and gloves (either latex or your warm gloves depending on the temperature) are required.

Feel free to bring hot cocoa, coffee, or tea.

We may be singing...so think about your favorite Christmas carol!



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**Virtual Ornament Workshop**

Gallatin, Hamilton, Pope-Hardin, Saline & White Counties

**Saturday, December 11, 2021 10 a.m.**

Grab and go bags \$5 per bag  
Each bag will include the items needed to make three ornaments.

All you need to supply is  
Hot Glue Gun  
Hot Glue Sticks  
Scissors

Register at  
<https://go.illinois.edu/unit24ornament>  
by December 2, 2021

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## Virtual Ornament Workshop

You won't want to miss the Virtual Ornament Workshop on Saturday, December 11th beginning at 10 am!

Cost for the workshop is only \$5. Payment is due when you pick up your Grab and Go bag with supplies to make 3 ornaments. Grab and Go bags will be available for pick-up at the office by Dec. 6th.

Here is the link to register by December 2nd: <https://go.illinois.edu/unit24ornament>.

You will receive an email at the address you provide at registration with the Zoom link.

This would be great for a 4-H club, a family group, or a friend group to do together. You are guaranteed to have some laughs while making your ornaments.

Youth and adults are welcome to purchase a supply bag. 4-H membership is not required.



## Virtual Club Officer Training January 6, 2022

Are you a 4-H Club officer?  
Interested in being one?

Join us for a virtual 4-H Officer Training. This fun, educational experience features an overview of each office, how to make meetings fun, and breakouts for specialized training by role, including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter/historian, and recreation officer.

Stay in, stay warm, join in your pajamas if you want!

Thursday January 6, 2022  
6:30 - 7:30 via Zoom

Register Today

<https://form.iotform.com/213188007814151>

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## CRICUT WORKSHOP

Save the date for a fun

Cricut Workshop!

Monday, February 21st from 1 - 4 pm.  
(this is the President's Day holiday)

Join us to create, cut, and paint 2 cute craft projects. Cost for this workshop is \$10.

More details to follow in the February 4-H Newsletter.



*Joyeux Noël!*

## Leader News...



### Club New Year Packets

Club leaders should have received their New 4-H Year packets at Achievement Night. Included in the packet, along with Youth and Adult Enrollment Forms and Project Forms, are the Club Officer Forms, Club Program Forms, Club Progress Goals and Club Committee Forms.

Please return your packet to the Extension office by December 10, 2021.



### Livestock Committee Meeting

Saline County 4-H Livestock Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office. All Livestock Committee members (newly appointed members from each club) and others are invited to attend.

Agenda items will include electing officers and choosing superintendents, setting dates for the Beef, Swine, Meat Goat, and Lamb Weigh-Ins for the Rate of Gain Contest and reviewing the livestock rules and the Livestock pages for the 2022 4-H Handbook.



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### Federation Meeting

The Saline County 4-H Federation will hold a business meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022, beginning at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office. We would love to have representatives from each club in attendance as we plan for the 4-H Rally, International Night, Public Presentations, workshops and other county events.



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### Management Committee Meeting

Saline County 4-H Management Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office. All Management Committee members and Federation officers are encouraged to attend. All Saline County 4-H members and adult volunteers are invited to attend as well.

In addition to electing officers, we will be discussing any changes that need to be made to the 4-H Handbook for this year, as well as looking ahead to the 2022 Saline County 4-H Shows and events.



See you there!

# 4-H HANDBOOK COVER CONTEST

**4-H members of all ages...**It's time for the **2022 4-H Handbook Cover Contest**.

We are asking that entries be turned in to the Extension office by **Monday, January 31, 2022**.

The entry rules for the contest are:

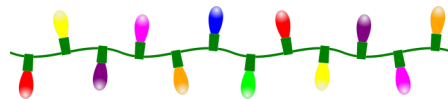
1. Submit original design on white paper (8 1/2 X 11 in).
2. Leave 1-inch margins on all sides.
3. Please use black ink. (Pencil will not copy well)
4. Use the words "Saline County 4-H" and the year "2022" somewhere on your design.
5. Put your name on the front of your entry.
6. Entry should reflect 4-H in Saline County.
7. If you want to use a clover in your design, we request that you use the official 4-H emblem. Contact the Extension office and we will print out a 4-H Clover for your use.
8. One entry per 4-H member may be submitted.
9. Entries must be received by Friday, January 31, 2022.



Please submit entries with your name, club, and age.

**Remember, there is a monetary prize at Achievement Night for the winner.**

**GOOD LUCK!**



*Buon Natale*

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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.



Save the date! The State Public Speaking Contest will be held on April 30, 2022 with registrations due by April 8, 2022. More details will be coming in the February Newsletter concerning the date of our Saline County contest.

# YQCA CERTIFICATION



## Attention Beef Cattle, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Goat, and Sheep Exhibitors!

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system will be 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.

It is possible that we will be able to hold a face-to-face training in the Spring. However, youth are encouraged to visit: <http://yqca.org> to certify or re-certify. The cost is \$12.

# QAEC CERTIFICATION

Exhibitors of horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs, and cats will still be required to take the **Quality Assurance and Ethics** (QAEC) training. QAEC training is only required once in the member's career and is offered free of charge. More information about the QAEC training will be included in the next newsletter.

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## Enrollment/Re-Enrollment

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Instructions for youth/adult re-enrollments:

Go to <http://v2.4honline.com>. Enter your email address and password. Click Sign-In. Continue to Youth and Cloverbud Member Enrollment to re-enroll youth members, continue to Adult Enrollment to reenroll Adult members.

If you are returning to 4-H, your member record will be listed on the family Member List. Click "Enroll Now" under the Program in which you would like to enroll. Follow through each page to complete your enrollment. If you have forgotten your password, click "Reset Password?" to receive an email with a link to set a new password.

Illinois 4-H has a maximum per family enrollment fee of \$60. Based on this amount, the first three youth members in a family would be expected to pay \$20 per member. For the fourth member and beyond, the fee would be waived. For the fourth member and beyond, please select check as the payment method. You may pay by credit card or check when enrolling online. If paying by check, please make the check payable to University of Illinois Extension. Please make sure you enroll in Saline County, and not the county you reside in if it happens to be different.

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## Credit Card Information

Illinois 4-H has been experiencing quite a lot of credit cards being declined by 4-H Online. Families who have paid with a credit card in the past should delete their credit card information before trying to re-enroll members.

## Ordering 4-H Publications

You can now order publications online at: <https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop>



Click - Log In. Click - Create Account.

After entering the account information, click - Return to Store.

This is a new process. Some of the publications may not be uploaded yet, so you may need to check back at a later date.

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## Café Conversations

Cafe Conversations are for Volunteers, Club Officers, Junior Leaders, and anyone in a leadership role.

What's on your mind? We would love to get your input on topics you would like to explore during the Spring Café Conversations. Here is what we want you to do:

Please save the dates provided below; &

Respond to the Survey to share your great ideas on what you would like to talk about next!

### SPRING 2022 - 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS SCHEDULE:

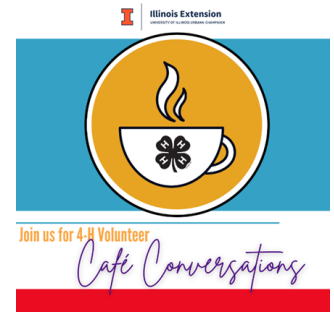
Thursday, February 17, 2022; 7 PM

Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM

Use this link to complete a survey to give us input into topics you would like to discuss in the Spring!

<https://form.jotform.com/213057607919057>

Merry Christmas



## Fall Party and Community Service Photos



Scavenger Hunt  
Hayride





# 4-H Calendar



## December 2021

- 2 - Federation Zoom Christmas Party, 6:30 pm
- 9 - Harrisburg Christmas Lights Parade
- 10 - 4-H Club Forms due in to the Extension office.
- 11 - Virtual Ornament Workshop, Register by Dec. 2.
- 17 - Ring the Bells for Salvation Army, 6 - 7 pm, Harrisburg Kroger
- 25 - **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



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## January 2022

- 1 - *Happy New Year!*
- 5 - Extension Office re-opens after Christmas Break
- 6 - Virtual Club Officer Training, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- 12 - Livestock Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Extension office
- 17 - Extension office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 24 - 4-H Federation Meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension office
- 24 - Management Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Extension office
- 31 - Handbook Cover Entries Due by 4:30 pm



2022!



## February 2022

- 5 - Beef Weigh-in (tentative date), 1 pm, Fairgrounds
- 17 - Café Conversations, 7 pm
- 21 - Cricut Workshop, 1 - 4 pm, Location TBD



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