

# Saline County 4-H Connection



Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members

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# Livestock Information

The Saline County 4-H Livestock Committee held a business meeting on Wednesday, January 12, with 19 in attendance in person or virtually by Zoom. Members present elected officers and superintendents.

Livestock Committee officers are:

**Chairman - Dan Evans, Vice Chairman - Tim Arnold, and Secretary - Rachel Parish.**

Superintendents are:

**Beef** - Dan Evans & Matt Deal; **Dairy Cattle** - Jane Carlile; **Swine** - Sara Oxford;

**Meat Goats and Dairy Goats** - Rachel Parish; **Sheep** - Lonny Reed, Brianna Johnson, & Tim Arnold;

**Rabbits** - Cindy Boulds & Gayla Heath; **Small Pets and Poultry** - Matt Deal & Amy Richey

Weigh in dates:

**Beef - February 5, 1 pm, Fairgrounds**

**Swine - April 2, 1 pm, Fairgrounds**

**Lambs and Meat Goats - April 23, 1 pm, Fairgrounds**



The next 4-H Livestock Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7 pm** at the Extension Office. We will be finalizing the livestock pages for the handbook, the July Show schedule and choosing judges for each show.

Future meeting dates: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 8 pm and Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 7 pm.

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## Beef Weigh In



The Saline County Beef Weigh-In will be held on **Saturday, February 5th at 1 pm** at the Fairgrounds. Beef exhibitors who want to participate in the Beef Rate of Gain Contest should plan to attend.

4-H members who plan to take a **market steer** to the Illinois State Fair are required to have the animal electronically tagged. Contact the Extension office if you will need an e-tag.

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## QAEC Certification

**Quality Assurance and Ethics (QAEC)** training is mandatory for all Horse, Rabbit, Poultry, Cat, and Dog exhibitors. 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.



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### \*\*\*Important News\*\*\*

**Swine** - 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.

**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 in April to fair must show in breeding buck classes.

# Livestock Judging/Clinic/Skill-a-thon and YQCA

Are you interested in livestock, meeting new people who share your interests, and increasing your livestock knowledge? Mark your calendars for a day of fun hands-on learning and competition on

**Saturday, March 19 at Circle H Cattle Company, 21228 State Route 242 Dahlgren, IL 62828.**

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the clinic starts at 9:30.

The day will include judging rings, livestock demonstrations, feed ingredient identification, breed identification, equipment identification and YQCA training. A \$5.00 fee payable the day of the event will register each member in all classes except the YQCA training. Youth **MUST** preregister for YQCA online at a cost of \$3. Throughout the day members will complete the face to face YQCA training.

Prizes will be awarded in several categories in both junior and senior divisions.

Lunch will be provided by Farm Credit.

Contact the Hamilton County Extension office at 618-643-3416 or [pjhatfie@illinois.edu](mailto:pjhatfie@illinois.edu) to register.

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## 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 is the industry-standard and 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.

Youth have two options to be certified. Youth may attend a certification program hosted by the Extension office and pay \$3, or youth may complete the training online and pay \$12.

**An in-person YQCA training is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd beginning at 2 pm (or immediately following the Lamb/Goat Weigh-in) at the Saline County Fairgrounds Livestock Building.**

To Complete the Certification for either face-to-face training or online training:

1. Visit <http://yqca.org/> and Click on Sign In/Register
2. Under 4-H Online Sign In, click on sign in with 4-H Online
3. Select Illinois 4-H Youth Development
4. Put in your e-mail address and password
5. Select Courses
6. Select Course List - Make sure the member tab is selected
7. Choose a Course by member age.
8. Two Certification Options:
  - Online – Completed at home by the member - \$12
  - Instructor Led Training - \$3
9. Search by State
10. Select Training - example: University of Illinois Extension - Hamilton County or Saline County
11. Purchase Course

If you do not sign up through 4-HOnline, you will need to furnish our office with verification of training (print the certificate and bring it in to the office).

Our office can track your completion of training if you sign up through 4-HOnline.

**Note: You may have to sign out of the YQCA web site and log-in again to register the next child.**

## Valentines for Seniors



Senator Dale Fowler is continuing his Valentines for Seniors Program this year. "It's that time of year again! The 59th district is collecting valentines for seniors. Last year we collected around 13,000 valentine's and I know this year we can beat it! Help me spread some love to our long term care residents in Southern Illinois by mailing or dropping off valentines to our district office." - Senator Fowler. Senator Fowler's office will be accepting donations until February 11th at 2 North Vine, 6th Floor, Harrisburg, IL 62946.

Clubs and individuals are invited to make and decorate Valentine's Day cards or purchase cards, small boxes of chocolates, or other items to donate. If you would like to drop off your items to the Extension office by February 9th, I will deliver them to Senator Fowler.



## Introductory Cricut Workshop

Register now for a fun, introductory Cricut class, scheduled for **Monday, February 21, from 1 - 4 pm.** (President's Day) The class will be held at the Saline County Extension Office. Youth will design, create & complete 3 projects using vinyl on materials such as plastic, glass and wood. Participants will learn how to design using Cricut Design Space. Prior to the class, create a free Cricut account and download the free Design Space app on your tablet, laptop, iPad, or smartphone.

To create a Cricut ID go to [https://cricut.com/en\\_us](https://cricut.com/en_us), select sign in from the upper right-hand corner, select Create Cricut ID and follow on screen instructions. You do not need to subscribe - a free ID is all you need. Here is a link to instructions for downloading Design Space on all platforms <https://help.cricut.com/hc/en-us/articles/360009428814-Downloading-and-Installing-Design-Space>

Cost for this program is \$10 (includes all materials) and is payable by cash or check made to University of Illinois Extension upon registration. Space is limited to 12, so please register at: [https://go.illinois.edu/saline\\_presday\\_cricut\\_22](https://go.illinois.edu/saline_presday_cricut_22) and pay for the class no later than February 14. If you have questions, email Kendra at: [klcook@illinois.edu](mailto:klcook@illinois.edu) or Kassy at: [kscates@illinois.edu](mailto:kscates@illinois.edu).



## Parliamentary Procedure Training

**Date: Tuesday February 22 @ 6:30 p.m.**

I move. Is there a second? All those in favor? Those are words you have likely heard during 4-H club meetings, but what do they mean, and why are they important? Join us for the second workshop in our leadership series to understand more about Parliamentary Procedure and how it can make meetings more fun, effective, and efficient.

This training is for everyone! Whether you are a club officer wanting to learn more about running meetings or a club member that wants to feel more comfortable speaking up in meetings, take a moment to register today!

Registration Link: <https://form.jotform.com/220066073058147>





## UNIT 24 COSMIC BOWLING

Calling All 4-H Members and Volunteers...You are invited to a fun evening of COSMIC BOWLING at Ross Cotton Lanes on **Friday Night, February 25, 2022** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The cost is only \$4.00 per game, per person. If you bowl 2 games or more, the shoe rental will be waived.



We are joining 4-H members from Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, and White Counties for a fun Unit #24 Bowling night! This will be a great time to meet 4-H members from other counties and renew old friendships.

**Don't forget to bring your bowling money and extra money for snacks and drinks. In order to have enough lanes reserved, you must RSVP by February 18th!**

### COSMIC BOWLING COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are collecting Birthday items to deliver to area food pantries. We would like to create a complete Birthday bundle in a disposable cake pan with all the items necessary to make a fun birthday party. There are many families who might not be able to provide this important recognition.



We ask that families attending Cosmic Bowling bring any of the following items:

**Disposable 9x13 Cake Pan, Cake Mix, Small Bottle of Vegetable Oil, Canned Frosting, Party Plates and Napkins, Birthday Candles, Birthday Gift Sack, Decorations and/or Birthday Card.**



Thanks so much for your generosity!



### 4-H RALLY



The 4-H Federation and 4-H Management Committee have made tentative plans to bring back the Saline County 4-H Rally.



Those present at the January meetings discussed a date of Monday, April 4 for the 4-H Rally, depending heavily on decreasing Covid-19 numbers in the county and on club support. The Fairgrounds Livestock Building is available, but we will need lots of help to set up.

So, mark your calendars and begin making plans for fun and games!



Cake Walk



Caramel Apples and Bananas

### International Night

There is a possibility that we will hold International Night at a later date this year. The traditional month that we hold this event, April, is very full with weigh-ins, YQCA, Easter and Spring Breaks, and the possible Rally.

In addition, we want the event to be as fun and normal as possible, with presentations and the opportunity to sample all the international foods.

Stay tuned for more details about International Night.





## Public Presentations

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.

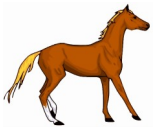
**Our Saline County Public Presentations Contest, is scheduled for Monday, March 28, at 6 pm at the Extension Office.** The contest will include speeches, food demonstrations, other demonstrations and flower arranging.

Members who want to participate **MUST** be enrolled in their project (Public Presentations, a Foods project, a Floriculture project, etc.) no later than **March 14**. Fair entry will be open by March 1 for these projects. Call the Extension office with details about your Speech or Demonstration by **March 21**.



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## Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology



The Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests will be held on **Saturday, March 26**, at SIU-Carbondale. Regional contest entries for Horse Bowl and Hippology are due **March 2**. Winning teams and individuals advance to the state contests.

The **State 4-H Hippology** contest and the **4-H Horse Speaking** contest are scheduled for **Saturday, April 23**. The **State 4-H Horse Bowl** Contest will be held **Sunday, April 24**. These events will be held at the U of I Campus.

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## Federation News

The Saline County 4-H Federation held a business meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022, beginning at 5:30 pm over Zoom. We discussed Cosmic Bowling, the 4-H Rally, Public Presentations, International Night, and workshops and other county events. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21, at 5:30 pm.



**A Big Congratulations to Federation President Rachel Lands. Rachel earned the Emerald Clover Award in Leadership. Rachel is a member of Pleasant Valley Go-Getters 4-H Club and the daughter of Keith and Marie Lands. The State 4-H Award Ceremony will be held at the U of I Campus on April 9.**

**WELL DONE RACHEL!!!!!!**

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## Management Committee News

Saline County 4-H Management Committee held its first meeting of the year on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office. Members present discussed the 4-H handbook and the Livestock changes to the handbook, looked ahead to the 2022 Saline County 4-H Shows and events, discussed Cosmic Bowling, the 4-H Rally, Public Presentations, and International Night.

There were not enough committee members present to approve the minutes, livestock handbook changes, calendar, or to elect officers. Current officers will stand for now and many agenda items were tabled until the next meeting.

Those present did set the next meeting for **Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7 pm** at the Extension office with a Zoom option.





## 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Youth Camp

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

### Registration Dates:

Jan. 24 - Feb. 6, 2022 - 4-H Members Only

Feb. 7, 2022 - until full - 4-H Members and non-members

### Camp Dates:

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



## 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! 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. We start accepting applications for the following positions beginning January 1, 2022.

### Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director; Lead Male/Female Counselors; Lifeguards; Outdoor Education Director; Arts & Crafts Director; Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director; Recreation Director; Climbing Tower Director

### Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

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*. Contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu), (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

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## 2022 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Volunteer Certification Trainings

Contact your local U of I Extension office 4-H professional and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction. Training Fee - \$50/participant. All volunteers must be screened.

Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)



**Check this out!  
Anyone interested in  
becoming a  
Shooting Sports  
Coordinator?**



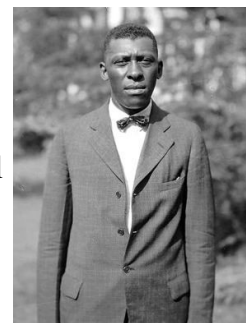
Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).

Registration open: January 18 - July 8, 2022. Register at:  
[go.illinois.edu/4HShootingSportsTraining2022](http://go.illinois.edu/4HShootingSportsTraining2022)



## February is Black History Month

**Who was the first Extension agent in the U.S.?** Thomas Monroe Campbell, better known as T.M. Campbell was the first Cooperative Extension agent at the first U.S. Cooperative Extension program at Tuskegee University. Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver, a science professor, petitioned the USDA to appoint Campbell as an Extension agent. He got his official offer on November 12, 1906. His first job was to educate farmers in advance farming and land management methods. By 1908, he was promoted to district agent for Alabama and bordering states, training at farmer conferences and agriculture fairs. By 1914 and the passing of the Smith-Lever Act, Campbell had assisted 11 southern states in appointing black farm and home demonstration agents. He continued to have numerous leadership roles in his life and was supportive of Cooperative Extension.



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## Well It's Groundhog Day...Again...



Groundhog Day is February 2nd. What do you know about the history of Groundhog Day?

As early as 1886, German immigrants in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania observed Groundhog Day and established the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club in 1899.

According to folklore, if the hibernating groundhog - known as Punxsutawney Phil - leaves his burrow on February 2 and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. The legend is based on a European custom predicting the length of winter by weather conditions on Candlemas, an ancient Christian festival.

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## Valentines - According to the History Channel

In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the UK, France, and Australia. By the middle of the 18th Century, it was common for friends and lovers of all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes, and by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvement in printing technology.



Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700's. In the 1840's, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced Valentines in America. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine", made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures, known as "scrap".

Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 145 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year (after Christmas).

<https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2>.



## National 4-H Opportunity 4-H Youth in Action Awards

Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 4H Youth in Action Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose. Four selected recipients will: earn a \$5K scholarship; serve as a national youth spokesperson; and much more! Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUlb0>



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.

# 4-H Calendar

## February 2022

- 2 - Groundhog Day!
- 5 - Beef Weigh-in, 1 pm, Fairgrounds
- 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!
- 21 - President's Day!
- 21 - Cricut Workshop, 1 - 4 pm, Saline Co. Extension Office, Cost \$10
- 22 - Parliamentary Procedure Training, 6:30-7:30 over Zoom
- 25 - Cosmic Bowling @ Ross Cotton Lanes, 6 - 8 pm
- 28 - Enroll in your Speech, Foods, or Floriculture project by today for the Public Presentations Contest



## March 2022

- 3 - Livestock Committee Meeting, 7 pm
- 10 - Trivia Night in Hamilton County, 5:30 pm Taco Bar, 6 pm start time
- 13 - Daylight Savings Time Begins - Set your clocks forward 1 hour
- 14 - Call the office with the topic of your Speech or Demonstration for Public Presentations
- 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day! Wear your 4-H Green!
- 19 - Livestock Judging/Skill-a-thon & YQCA, Hamilton County, 9 am - 1 pm. Lunch provided
- 21 - Management Committee Meeting, 7 pm
- 28 - Public Presentations Contest, 6 pm, Extension Office



## April 2022

- 2 - Swine Weigh-in, 1 pm, Fairgrounds
- 2 - 4-H Green Communities Tree Planting - following Swine Weigh-in
- 4 - Possible date for 4-H Rally, 6 - 8 pm, Fairgrounds location TBD
- 9 - Celebration of Excellence Awards Banquet, U of I Campus
- 17 - Happy Easter!
- 23 - Lamb/Goat Weigh-in, 1 pm Fairgrounds
- 23 - YQCA Face-to-Face Training, 2:00-3:00 pm, Fairgrounds
- 30 - State Public Speaking Contest



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