

Saline County 4-H Connection

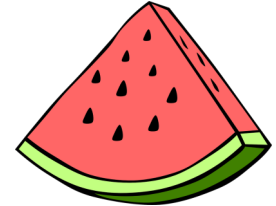


Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members

July/August 2021

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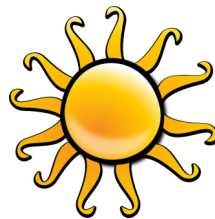


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Home & Family Show

The Saline County 4-H Home & Family Show will be held on Thursday, July 8th, beginning at 6 pm at the Harrisburg Lion's Club - 1400 S. Main Street.

Included in this show:

Foods projects, Clothing projects, Interior Design projects, and Fashion Revue.

General Show

The Saline County 4-H General Show will be held on Saturday, July 10th, beginning at 9 am at the Saline County Fairgrounds Floral Hall
Please observe the following arrival schedule:

8:45 am

Clover Explorers
Pleasant Valley Go-Getters

9:15 am

Country Clovers
Farmin' Friends
H2H

9:45 am

Lads & Lassies
Pioneers

Those 4-H members not checking in by 10:30 am will be recorded as No-Shows.

Leaders will receive a packet upon arrival with exhibit tags. Members will need to attach the appropriate exhibit tag to each project. Following judging, State Fair, State Fair Alternate and County Champion ribbons will be awarded and pictures will be taken.

If your child cannot personally show his/her project, the reason must be submitted in writing to the Extension office prior to the show for approval. If approved, another Saline County 4-H member may show the project.

Youth must fill out a report form (available at the office) to send with their project.

2021 Saline County 4-H Shows Concession Schedule

Club	Show	Date	Start Time
Clover Explorers	4-H General Show	July 10	9:00 a.m.
Pleasant Valley Go-Getters	4-H Dog & Cat Show	July 22	6:00 p.m.
Country Clovers	4-H Small Pets, Crops, Poultry Shows, Rabbit Show	July 26	8:30 a.m.
Lads & Lassies	4-H Dairy Goat Show	July 27	8:00 a.m.
Pioneers	4-H Meat Goat Show	July 27	10:00 a.m.
4-H Federation	4-H Horse & Pony Show	July 27	4:00 p.m.
Pleasant Valley Go-Getters	Saline Co. Fair Jr. Shows	July 28	10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
H2H	4-H Swine & Sheep Shows	July 29	8:00 a.m.
Farmin' Friends	4-H Beef & Dairy Cattle Shows	July 29	1:00 p.m.
Nock N' Load	Livestock Auction	July 30	1:00 p.m.

- ❖ If you do not have workers for your assigned time, please contact another leader to work something out with them.
- ❖ Club assigned to the concessions will sell sodas. Usually one adult and one or two youth are sufficient.



August 12 - 22, 2021

Your Day at the Illinois State Fair

If you are selected as one of our county's representatives at the Illinois State Fair, Congratulations!!!!

Please notify the Saline County 4-H Office at 252-8391 by July 23rd if you want to take your project to the Illinois State Fair. You cannot just show up at State Fair.

Here is what you need to know.

The county office will mail you more information and an exhibit tag for your project. Remove all the tags and ribbons from our local show.

Saline County exhibits at the Illinois State Fair on Sunday, August 15, 2021.

Traffic can be very busy, so give yourself plenty of time to arrive in Springfield, IL and fairgrounds.

Families can purchase entry tickets at the gate. Youth 12 & under are free. Once on the fairgrounds, make your way the far northwest side - to the Orr Building. A State Fair map is available on our website: go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair.

Load/Unload passes for large projects are available at the Saline County Extension Office.

Once inside the Orr Building, there will be large signs and helpers directing you to the judging area for your project category. 4-H members should drop their projects off between 8:00 and 9:00 am. There is no need to arrive before 8:00 am. Judging will begin at 9:00 am. When you find the judging area for your project, set up your exhibit, tear off the claim ticket attached to the exhibit tag, and check the project area's schedule for YOUR estimated judging time.

Return to your judging area about 15 minutes before your scheduled time. Each exhibitor will have a 10-minute conference judging time to discuss their project with a judge. All score sheets have been revised to reflect a 1-10 point scale.

The numerical score will determine the top awards.



Your project will remain on display until 3:30 that day. **Projects may not be removed from the judging area until 3:30 p.m.** Be sure to come back and pick it up no later than 4:30 pm. If you need to leave early, please arrange with someone else from your county to pick up your project. Be sure to give them your claim ticket.

All 4-H exhibitors at the Illinois State Fair will receive a ribbon and a commemorative button.

The participant with the highest score in each class will receive the Champion Medal (blue medallion) ; second highest will receive the Reserve Champion Medal (red medallion).

Judges may also select Inspire Award (white medallion) to acknowledge exhibitors who present inspirational, innovative, or unique exhibits.

Remember, you have already been selected as one of the best in your county! Don't worry about the score and use this to learn as much as you can from the judging expert.



Have Fun at the Fair!



National 4-H Congress



National 4-H Congress will be held November 26-30, 2021 in Atlanta, Georgia. This will be the centennial celebration of this event and a once in a lifetime opportunity!

National 4-H Congress is a world class event that is diverse, authentic, and challenge oriented. The workshops will be laser focused on the 4-H mission, the service-learning experiences promise to be hands-on, the speakers will be engaging and entertaining, and there will plenty of opportunities for networking and recreational activities.

Illinois 4-H is asking for your help in identifying 4-H teens, ages 14-18 (*as of January 1, 2021*) to apply for this once in a lifetime opportunity!

How do teens become a part of the Illinois 4-H Delegation:

Complete the [National Congress Application](#) by **August 1, 2021**.

1. **We have spots for TEN Illinois 4-H teens to participate.** National Congress Application will be used to select the ten Illinois teens. The Illinois 4-H Foundation has secured scholarship funds for the 10 selected delegates.
2. **Cost –** The total cost this year is \$2,000 per participant. Selected youth will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to the event provided by Illinois 4-H. They are responsible for the remaining \$500 balance which must be paid prior to the event.

Program Content – To learn more about National 4-H Congress visit <http://national4-hcongress.com/> or check them out on social media. There is a delegate handbook that will contain details of the event and an example schedule (*note- not updated for 2021 yet*).



4-H Photography Workshop

Stephanie Susie led a very informative 4-H Photography workshop in early June. Those present from Saline, Gallatin, and Pope counties learned how to get the best angle and light for their photo. They also learned to zoom with their feet, not with the cell phone camera, to get the clearest image. Thank you Stephanie!

(Photo by Stephanie Susie.)

4-H Counted Cross-Stitch Workshop

Cheri White, yes that Cheri White, doesn't just know Dogs. She also is accomplished at the craft of Cross-Stitch. On June 12th, Cheri led a Counted Cross-Stitch Workshop. Those present learned how to do a basic stitch, a back stitch, and a French Knot. They made a good start on the barn ornaments. We plan to hold another cross-stitch workshop in the fall.





Leader/Parent Information



Reminder: 4-H Experience Award Application packets (4-H Records) are due September 10, 2021.

County Medal Applications, Achievement Trophy Applications, Club Secretary and Treasurer Books, Financial Activity Statements, etc. will be due on September 10th along with the Experience Award Application packets.

End of year packets will be mailed to club leaders in August.

Saline County Day at the Illinois State Fair is **Sunday, August 15.**



Dog and Cat Exhibitors

Dog and Cat Exhibitors are reminded to bring their animals' current and up-to-date shot record to the 4-H Dog Agility Show on July 20th and/or to the 4-H Dog and Cat Show on July 22nd.

NO ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THESE SHOWS WITHOUT SHOT RECORDS.



Horse and Pony Exhibitors

4-H Horse & Pony Exhibitors are reminded to bring proof of negative Coggins testing to the 4-H Horse & Pony Show on July 27th. Check in time is at 3 pm. Show will begin at 4 pm.

Helmets are required for all mounted exhibitors in or out of the show ring. Contact the Extension office if you need to borrow a helmet.

Livestock Overall Champions

We will again be offering Overall Breeding Champion and Overall Market Champion Classes. Champions of each breed will be brought back into the show ring at the conclusion of each show to allow the judge to choose Overall Champions.

Thank you to Saline County Farm Bureau for sponsoring the Overall Champion Banners.

Animal Health Papers

4-H members who also plan to exhibit in the Junior Shows at the Saline County Fair and to stall for the week at the fairgrounds are reminded to bring their animal health papers to check-in on Sunday, July 25.

Those members just showing the 4-H shows must bring their health papers to the 4-H Weigh-outs and 4-H Livestock shows.

Federation Meeting

The Saline County 4-H Federation will hold a business meeting on August 9th, at 5:30 pm at the Harrisburg Park Kiwanis Shelter. This will be our annual Ice Cream Social.



Bring your favorite flavor of ice cream, homemade or store bought. Bowls, spoons, drinks and toppings will be provided.

Officer Petitions for the 2021-2022 4-H year will be distributed.



There will be a Zoom option for the meeting. However, we would love to have as many people as possible attend in person. Please let me know if you would like the zoom link.

Photography Contest

Saline County 4-H Federation received a Farm Credit Community Improvement Grant. We decided to spend the money by printing, framing, and donating photos of area landmarks, nature scenes, farm scenes, animals or other recognizable and appealing images to local nursing homes and assisted living facilities.



So, where are we going to get the photos? That is where you come in!

We are sponsoring a **Photography Contest** to run through August 9th.



Saline County 4-H youth or adult volunteers can submit as many photos as they want. We will decide as a group which pictures to print, frame and donate. We are hoping to get at least 100 photos submitted.

We ask that each youth or adult choose just one photo to enter into the Photography Contest. Prizes for the top 3 photos in each class: Cloverbud, Junior (8-13), Senior (14-19), and Adult Volunteer will be awarded.

All photos must be submitted by email to nlambert@illinois.edu no later than August 9th.

When you take your photos, keep in mind how nursing home and assisted living facility residents will relate to them. We want to enhance their environment and perhaps spark some conversations and memories.



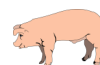
Farm Credit Community Improvement Grant

Heidi Sniderwin from Farm Credit presented a \$500 Community Improvement Grant check to the Saline County 4-H Federation. Pictured are Seth Brown, Haylee Brown, Marie Lands - Federation Club Leader, Heidi Sniderwin from Farm Credit, Christian Jean - Federation President, Rachel Lands - Federation Secretary, and Hannah Wenzel.

4-H Calendar

July 2021

- 4 - Happy Independence Day!
- 5 - Extension Office closed for 4th of July Holiday
- 6,13 - Dog Obedience, 6 pm & 7 pm, Cheri's shop
- 8 - 4-H Home & Family Show, 6 pm, Lion's Club (we will be setting up at 9 am)
- 9 - General Show Set-up, 9 am, Fairgrounds Floral Hall
- 10 - 4-H General Show, 9 am, Fairgrounds Floral Hall
- 15 - State Fair Livestock Entries due
- 15 - Livestock Clean-up, 6 pm, Fairgrounds area
- 20 - 4-H Dog Agility Show, 7 pm, Cheri's shop
- 22 - 4-H Dog & Cat Shows, 6 pm, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 26 - 4-H Small Pets, Crops, Poultry Shows, 8:30 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 26 - 4-H Rabbit Show, 10 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 26 - 4-H Lamb & Meat Goat Weigh-outs, 5 pm, Stafford Building area
- 26 - 4-H Swine Weigh-out, 6 pm, Stafford Building area
- 26 - 4-H Beef Weigh-out, 7:30 pm (or after Swine Weigh-out), Stafford Building area
- 27 - 4-H Dairy Goat Show, 8 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 27 - 4-H Meat Goat Show, 10 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 27 - 4-H Horse & Pony Show, 4 pm, (check in at 3 pm) Horse Arena
- 28 - Junior Shows all day
- 29 - 4-H Swine Show, 8 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 29 - 4-H Sheep Show, 10:30 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 29 - 4-H Beef Show, 1 pm, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 29 - 4-H Dairy Cattle Show, immediately following Beef show, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 30 - 4-H Tractor Operator's Contest, 8:30 am, east side of Fairgrounds
- 30 - Stockmen's Livestock Auction, 1 pm, Fairgrounds Stafford Building
- 31 - Livestock Clean-up, 8:30 am, Fairgrounds area
- 31 - Auction checks released approximately 10 am, Fairgrounds Stafford Building



August 2021

- 9 - 4-H Federation Meeting and Ice Cream Social, 5:30 pm, Harrisburg Park, Kiwanis Shelter.
Officer Petitions will be distributed.
- 9 - Submit your photos to be printed and submit one photo for the Photography Contest
- 12-22 - Illinois State Fair
- 15 - Saline County Day at the Illinois State Fair, Springfield



September 2021

- 6 - Extension Office closed for Labor Day
- 10 - 4-H Record forms, County Medal Applications, Secretary Books, Treasurer's Books and Financial Activity Statements, Club Scrapbooks, and all other end of year paperwork must be turned in to the Extension Office.
- 13 - 4-H Federation Meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office. We will be electing officers for 2021-2022.
- 13 - Management Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Extension Office

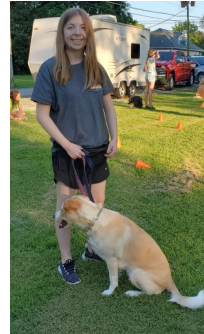


Saline County Illinois 4-H Facebook Page



If you are on Facebook, look for our Saline County Illinois 4-H page and request to join the closed group. In addition to emailing out meeting notices, and general information, I post these on the Facebook page. I will keep the page updated with photos, meetings, events, and information to help you during the 4-H year.

Dog Obedience



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