

Saline County 4-H Connection



Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members

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Updated Information to Guide Us with Summer Events and Shows

It looks like summer weather has arrived! I don't know about you, but I am certainly ready for warmer days and all the fun that summer holds.

There is good news to share around gathering sizes for our 4-H events that I hope will bring some normalcy back into our lives. There is also additional information around masking to share in relation to Covid-19 mitigations.

Updated Guidance

Illinois has now entered the Bridge phase of the Restore Illinois plan, with an expectation to move to Phase 5 by June 11. According to IDPH, Illinois must be in Bridge for a minimum of 28 days with no significant increase in cases or hospitalizations.

The move to the Bridge allows us to increase the number of people we can host in a space.

Changes for 4-H Events & Meetings

Indoor: The lesser of 1,000 people or 60% space capacity

Outdoor: The lesser of 1,000 people or 60% space capacity

The changes to gathering sizes allow for more individuals to be in person supporting our 4-H members. We will be glad to see grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends gather this summer to cheer on their loved ones.

Changes to Masking Requirements

In new changes, the CDC has outlined that fully vaccinated individuals (defined as 14 days after receiving the second dose or the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine) will not be required to mask. The challenge for 4-H is as we work with a youth population, our 6-12-year-old members are not yet eligible, and our 12-17-year-old members, while eligible, may not be vaccinated.

Those unvaccinated in any age group (adult or youth) should continue to mask during 4-H meetings and events.

The biggest question on everyone's mind, I am sure, and ours as well, is how we will know? According to the CDC, it's the honor system. We should not ask individuals about their vaccination status or ask for proof of vaccination.

We know there are lots of opinions about masking and vaccines. Our job as youth development workers and volunteers is to create the most supportive environment possible for our 4-H members. There will likely be individuals (youth and adults) who could be unmasked but may still choose to wear one. As a volunteer, you may prefer to continue to wear a mask, though vaccinated, because your members are still required. There may be others (youth and adults) who cannot receive a vaccine because of various health issues and feel out of place to be masked when others are not. We believe the best we can do is foster an environment of belonging and support people wherever they fall on the spectrum.

We look forward to offering summer experiences with as much normalcy as possible. As social distancing and masking continue as a requirement, adaptations to programming and exhibitions will still be necessary. However, we will be so grateful to see everyone in person!

Thanks to each of you for the work you do to provide positive youth development experiences to young people.

With appreciation,

GHPSW 4-H Staff

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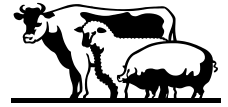


Livestock Committee Meeting



The Saline County 4-H Livestock Committee will hold a business meeting on Wednesday, June 9th, at 8 pm. We will hold the meeting at the Extension office meeting room with a Zoom option. All committee members are encouraged to attend. Space is limited in our meeting room, so please let me know if you plan to attend in person.

We will be finalizing plans for the upcoming 2021 in-person 4-H livestock shows, clean-ups, weigh-outs, and discussing the livestock auction sponsored by the Saline County Stockmen's Association.



4-H Management Committee Meeting

The Saline County 4-H Management Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, June 14th, at 8 pm at the Extension office (with a Zoom option).



All committee members, including Federation officers, are encouraged to attend. Please bring names of potential judges for the Home & Family Show and the General Show. We will be finalizing plans for the 2021 Saline County 4-H show season.

Master Showmanship

Attention: Livestock exhibitors...Saline County 4-H will offer Master Showmanship at the Fair. This contest is open to any 4-H exhibitor who is 14-19 as of August 13, 2021.

Master Showmanship is a round robin contest where all participants show three species - beef, sheep, and swine. The winner of the Saline County contest will be eligible to compete at the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest on Friday, August 13, 2021 at 7 pm OR 30 minutes following the conclusion of the Supreme Heifer Show.

Anyone interested in participating in Master Showmanship must call the office to register by July 1, 2021.

Please note: With restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic ever-changing, plans for the contest may be subject to change. As long as the Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Shows are happening, we plan to move forward with Master Showmanship.

Bred & Owned Classes

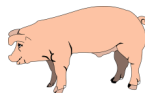
We will be offering Bred & Owned Champion and Reserve Champion classes for Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Swine, Sheep, and Beef this year. There is no fee to enter.

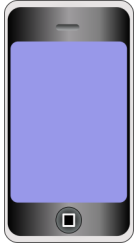
To enter this class, the female must have been bred and the animal born and raised on your farm or property.

4-H members who wish to enter the Bred & Owned class can sign up the day of their species show. Youth may show one animal per species. The animal can be either a Breeding or a Market animal.

The Bred & Owned class for each species will be shown at the conclusion of each species show.

(These are not 4-H classes. No 4-H ribbons or premiums will be awarded.)





PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Saline County 4-H Federation is sponsoring a **Photography Workshop** on **Monday, June 7, 2021**, from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** The workshop will be held at the Harrisburg Park, and the instructor is a local and very successful photographer, Stephanie Susie.

We will gather at the Kiwanis Shelter (octagon-shaped near the bandstand, bathrooms, and small playground). Bring your cell phone with camera, or if you don't have one, bring an actual camera.



The Federation received a Farm Credit Community Improvement Grant. We plan to use our new photography skills to take photos of area landmarks and nature, print and frame the photos, and donate them to local nursing homes and assisted living facilities.



Contact Nancy at 252-8391 or at nlambert@illinois.edu to register by June 4th.

Bring a lawn chair and a snack/drink if you want one.

Federation Meeting

Following the Photography Workshop, the Saline County 4-H Federation will hold a business meeting at the Harrisburg Park. We will be discussing summer 4-H activities, fundraisers, and workshop ideas. We will also be planning the summer concession sales schedule.

Please bring a lawn chair and a snack/drink if you want one.

There will be a Zoom option for the meeting. We hope to use a hot spot to make it work at the park.

Please let me know if you would like the zoom link.



Cross-Stitch Workshop

Join us on Saturday, June 12th, for a fun Beginning Cross-Stitch Workshop. Learn the basics of cross-stitch from instructor Cheri White and make this cute barn ornament. The workshop begins at 9 am and will be held at the Extension office.



We are limited to 15 participants, so call the Extension office at 252-8391 or email Nancy at: nlambert@illinois.edu to register. Cost for the workshop is only \$2.50 to cover materials.

Important Deadlines

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

4-H Experience Awards Applications and **County Medal Applications** due **Friday, September 10.**

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2021 Seniors

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Katheranne Bond

Kate is the daughter of James G. Bond & Micki Pritchett. She is graduating from Galatia High School and will be attending Lakeland College. Her favorite memory of 4-H is of helping the younger 4-H members during shows.

Congratulations Kate!

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Caleb Alexander Boulds

Caleb is the son of Charlie & Karen Boulds. He is graduating from Eldorado High School, and he plans to continue working on the family farm. Caleb's favorite 4-H memory is camping at the fairgrounds and hanging out with everyone.

Congratulations Caleb!

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Haylee Daye Brown

Haylee is the daughter of Ed & Michelle Brown. She is graduating from Galatia High School and plans to enroll in SIC before continuing her studies at Murray State University. Haylee's favorite memory of 4-H is showing her dogs and cows and all the fun times she had along the way!

Congratulations Haylee!

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F. David Heath

David is the son of Brian & Gayla Heath. He graduated from Heath Homeschool and is currently attending SIC, majoring in Diesel Technology. He plans to finish his degree and work on diesel engines. David's favorite 4-H memories are hanging out with his friends during Fair Week and the participating in the auction.

Congratulations David!

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Alexis Paige Joyner

Alli is the daughter of Kacie & Jordan Patterson and Dustin & Katie Joyner. She is graduating from Eldorado High School, and she plans to attend the University of Colorado in Boulder to study Ecology/Ebio as a pre-med student. All's favorite 4-H memories are showing in the ring with her friends.

Congratulations Alli!

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Breanna Lorimer

Bree is the daughter of Lisa & Robert Lorimer. She is graduating from Berean Christian Home School. She plans to finish her associate's degree at JALC and move on to SIU to study Forestry Research. Bree's favorite 4-H memory is going to the Illinois State Fair and seeing all the projects there.

Congratulations Breanna!

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Matthew Lorimer

Matt is the son of Lisa & Robert Lorimer. He is graduating from Berean Christian Home School. He plans to start an online digital marketing agency in the near future. Matt's favorite 4-H memories are of the annual Federation Christmas Parties.

Congratulations Matthew!

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Alison Riddle

Alison is the daughter of Wes & Angela Riddle. She is graduating from Galatia High School and plans to attend Southeastern Illinois College in the Veterinary Assistant program. Alison's favorite 4-H memory is attending the Saline County Fair each year and showing her animals.

Congratulations Alison!

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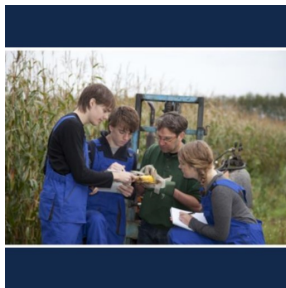
Dylan Lane Vandenboom

Dylan is the son of Glenda Vandenboom. He is graduating from Harrisburg High School. He plans to enroll in Southeastern Illinois College Welding program. Dylan's favorite 4-H memory is camping at the fairgrounds every year at fair time.

Congratulations Dylan!

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Illinois Crop Scouting Competition for High School Age Youth



The Illinois Crop Scouting Competition is a one-day contest and will be held at the Crop Sciences Research & Ed. Center in Savoy, IL on August 4, 2021

Student teams of 2-5 high-school-aged youth (grades 9-12) with an adult coach will rotate through 10 outdoor stations at the University of Illinois South Farm fields to test their skills hands-on with topics such as identifying weeds, insects, and diseases, identifying the growth stages of corn and soybean plants, assessing abiotic injury, pesticide application, and integrated pest management.

Event details can be found at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/illinois-crop-scouting-competition>

I-Pollinate

Are you ready to catch the buzz? Youth can take the role of citizen scientists through the I-Pollinate program run through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Youth volunteers can join up to three research projects and help collect critical data on monarch butterfly eggs and caterpillars, pollinator visits to ornamental flowers, and statewide bee distribution. Your efforts will help inform conservation plans and how to plant gardens for pollinator habitat!

Ready to learn more? Head here: <https://ipollinate.illinois.edu/how-to-participate/>.



4-H Family Camp

Family Camp- Fun for the whole Family!



4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL is having Family Camp Retreats this summer in place of our normal Summer Youth Camps. Your family will get their own cabin for 3 days/2 nights. All meals are included. Program staff will be leading/assisting with activities at all our program areas. You can fish, swim, boat, make arts and crafts (including tie-dye), rock climb, zip line, do science-based activities, visit Allerton Park, take hayrack rides, make s'mores over the camp fire, and so much more! Covid-19 testing is **no longer required** to attend. Masks are required when around others.

We still have space available June 6-8 and July 9-11. Additional details and a link to the registration page can be found on our [website](#). Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu with any questions.

Bass Fishing SPIN Club

The new Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum, or Special Interest club, takes place over the course of 6 weeks and will focus on aquatic ecosystems, fish biology, and include STEM activities relating to fishing gear. Kids learn and take part in the sport, but they also gain a variety of skills and knowledge as they master fishing.

Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>



4-H Calendar

June 2021

- 1 - QAEC and YQCA must be completed by this date
- 1 - Last day to drop a project. Fair Entry Registrations due
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Dog Obedience, 6 pm & 7 pm, Cheri's Shop
- 7 - Photography Workshop, 5:30 pm, Harrisburg Park Kiwanis Shelter
- 7 - 4-H Federation Meeting, 6:30 pm, Harrisburg Park with a Zoom option
- 9 - Livestock Committee Meeting, 8 pm, Extension Office with a Zoom option
- 12 - Cross-Stitch Workshop, 9 am, Extension Office
- 14 - Management Committee Meeting, 8 pm, Extension Office with a Zoom option
- 15 - Small Pets Forms due
- 20 - Happy Father's Day to our 4-H Dads!



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' 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

- 12-22 - Illinois State Fair
- 15 - Saline County Day at the Illinois State Fair, Springfield

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.



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