

# Saline County 4-H Connection



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# Public Presentations

## Public Speakers, Food Demonstrators, Demonstrators and Flower Arrangers

**Saline County 4-H Public Presentations Contest** will be held on **Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm** at the Extension office in Harrisburg. We may have to schedule appointment times. I will know more when I see how many speakers and demonstrators register.

Members participating in this contest must have enrolled in their project (Public Speaking, Foods, Floriculture or other project area relating to your demonstration) by March 31. Email Nancy at [nlambert@illinois.edu](mailto:nlambert@illinois.edu) to let me know what you the type of demonstration you plan to do or the type and name of your speech by the March 29.

**Food demonstrators are reminded to bring their foods in a cooler, as there will be no refrigerator available. Also, bring an extension cord if you need electricity for your speech or demonstration.**

The State 4-H Public Speaking Event will be held on June 5 at Richland Community College in Decatur, IL. This includes the 4 speech areas: Formal, Illustrated, Original Works, and Oral Interpretation.



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## Management Committee

The Saline County 4-H Management Committee will meet on **Monday, March 22 at 7 pm**. We will meet in person at the Extension office with a Zoom option.

We will be finalizing the 2020-2021 Saline County 4-H Handbook and July Show Calendar. All Committee members are encouraged to attend.



Future meetings are planned for Monday June 14 at 8 pm, Monday September 13 at 7 pm, and Monday January 24, 2022 at 7 pm.

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## Federation Meeting

The Saline County 4-H Federation will hold a meeting on **Monday, 29th at 5:30 pm** at the Extension Office with a Zoom option. We can have up to 10 in the meeting room.

Please let me know how you plan to join us.

We will be discussing the summer 4-H shows and events. All Federation delegates and any youth interested in helping to plan county events are invited to attend.

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## QAEC

Exhibitors of horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs, and cats 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.

## Swine Weigh-In

The Saline County 4-H Swine Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, **April 10** 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.

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## Lamb & Meat Goat Weigh-In



The Saline County 4-H Lamb and Meat Goat Weigh-Ins will be held on Saturday, **April 24** at **1:00 pm** at the Fairgrounds. 4-H members enrolled in Market Sheep or Meat Goat projects who want to participate in the Saline County Rate of Gain Contests should plan to attend.



**Since Covid-19 numbers are down and restrictions are loosening, we will not have to take appointments. For both weigh-ins and the YQCA trainings below, please understand that we still need to limit our numbers to 50 or less, wear a face covering at all times, and practice social distancing. We will let you know if anything changes.**

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## YQCA CERTIFICATION

4-H members exhibiting **Beef Cattle, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Goat, or Sheep** 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.

**We have a face-to-face training scheduled for Saturday, April 24th, at 2 pm at the Saline County Fairgrounds following the Lamb/Goat Weigh-ins. The training will take approximately 1 hour. We can have up to 50 youth. Go online to register and pay the \$3 fee by April 17th.**

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.

For those unable to train at this time, a second face-to-face training will be held at the White County Fairgrounds in Carmi on Saturday, May 1, from 9-10 am.

Please contact 4-H Extension Educator Melissa Wilson at [wilson08@illinois.edu](mailto:wilson08@illinois.edu) with any questions.

To Complete the Certification

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 - \$12
  - Instructor led training - \$3
9. Search by State
10. Select Training - Scroll to 4/24 or 5/1
11. Purchase Course

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.

Species (cattle, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit)	Breed (and Registration Num- ber if Registered Purebred)	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.**

# Beginning Scrapbooking Workshop

**MARCH 20, 2021**  
**10:30 AM**  
**VIA ZOOM**

**ENROLLED 4-H MEMBERS FROM  
GALLATIN, HAMILTON, POPE-HARDIN,  
SALINE & WHITE COUNTIES WELCOME!**

**LEARN THE BASICS OF  
SCRAPBOOKING!**

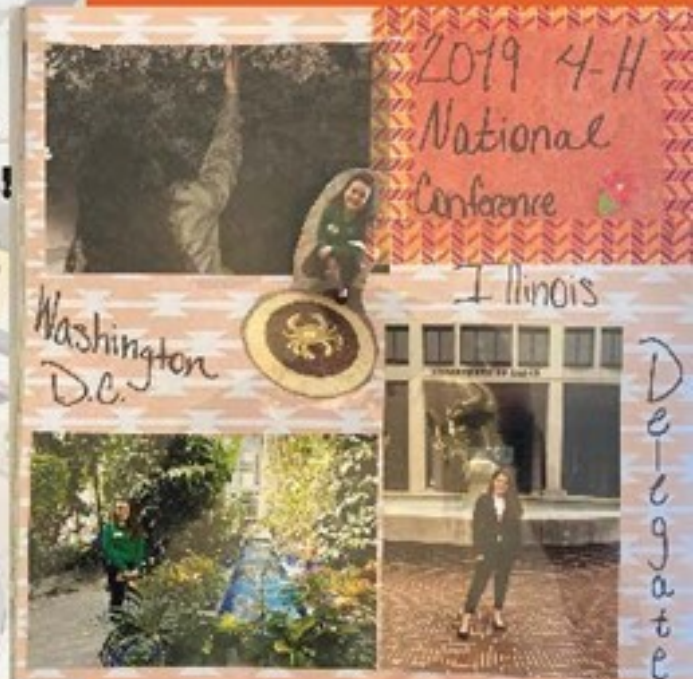
**WE WILL BE CREATING 2  
PAGES TO START YOUR  
VISUAL ARTS  
SCRAPBOOKING PROJECT!**

**SIGN UP AT  
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/SCRAPBOOK](https://go.illinois.edu/scrapbook)**

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## Dog Obedience & Agility Classes Begin On APRIL 27

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Dog Obedience, Showmanship, and Agility classes will begin on Tuesday, April 27. Classes will be held at instructor Cheri White's Shop at 613 W. Elm St. in Harrisburg. Classes will continue each Tuesday for 11 weeks, concluding on Tuesday, July 13.

On April 27th, **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 926-0787.

Face coverings and social distancing are required for all participants and spectators.

The **Dog Agility 4-H Show** will be held at **Cheri White's** on **Tuesday, July 20 at 7 pm.** Dog Care, Obedience, and Showmanship - along with Cat Care - will be held on **Thursday, July 22 at 6 pm** at the Fairgrounds.

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## 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. **You will need to fill out one copy per horse that you may possibly bring to the show.**

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.**



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## Rabbit Tattooing Opportunity

Saline County Rabbit exhibitors are invited to come out to the Saline County Fairgrounds on **Saturday, May 8, 2021** from **10 am to Noon** to get your rabbits tattooed for the Saline County 4-H Rabbit Show in July.

Please send Nancy an email at: [nlambert@illinois.edu](mailto:nlambert@illinois.edu) by April 24th to let us know how many rabbits you will be bringing.

Remember...your rabbits and their information, including the tattoo, need to be recorded on the Livestock Registration Sheet and turned in by May 15th.



For more information about rabbit tattooing,  
contact Rabbit Superintendent, Cindy Boulds, at 294-0047.

Face coverings and social distancing are required for all participants and spectators.

## We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

**Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19

**Length of service:** Two years

**Apply online:** [go.illinois.edu/4HYLT](http://go.illinois.edu/4HYLT). Look for the "application" at the bottom of the page.

**Deadline:** March 15, 2021

The State Youth Leadership Team plans and implements the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists (behind the scenes and in front of the audience) for many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.



### The Illini Summer Academies will be virtual this summer!

Illinois 4-H is bringing the University of Illinois campus to our youth across the state! **Registrations close on March 24.**

Visit our website for more information: For more information, visit our [website](http://website) or contact us at [illini-4h@illinois.edu](mailto:illini-4h@illinois.edu).

## 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

**4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 pm.** TOPICS will include: **One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go! And Summer Fun!** Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

## 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.



# 4-H Calendar

## March 2021

- 3 - Livestock Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Extension Office/Zoom
- 6 - Speaking for Illinois 4-H Virtual Training. Register by March 4.
- 13 - Regional Horse Bowl/Hippology Contest
- 14 - Daylight Savings Time Begins. Set clocks forward 1 hour.
- 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day - **Wear your 4-H Green!**
- 20 - Scrapbooking Workshop, 10:30 am
- 22 - Management Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Extension Office/Zoom
- 29 - Federation Meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office/Zoom



## April 2021

- 4 - Happy Easter!
- 10 - Swine Weigh-in, 1 pm, Fairgrounds
- 12 - Public Presentations Contest, 6 pm, Extension Office
- 24 - Lamb/Goat Weigh-in, 1 pm, Fairgrounds
- 24 - Face-to-face YQCA Training, 2 pm, Fairgrounds
- 27 - 1st Dog Obedience class at Cheri White's, 6 pm & 7 pm.



## May 2021

- 1 - Last day to enroll in 4-H and in a project to exhibit at the 2021 Saline Co. 4-H Shows
- 1 - Horse Validation forms due
- 1 - Face-to-face YQCA Training, 9 am, White County Fairgrounds in Carmi
- 4, 11, 18, 25 - Dog Obedience class, 6 pm & 7 pm, Cheri's shop
- 8 - Rabbit Tattooing Opportunity, 10 am - Noon, Fairgrounds
- 15- Livestock Registration forms due by this date to the Extension office - All Breeding and Market Animals



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