

Saline County 4-H Connection



Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members

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Illinois 4-H Safety Requirements for In-person Events

We are looking forward to the 2021 season! As Illinois 4-H staff plan for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members.

We are preparing for the return to in-person events, based on local conditions at that time and in conjunction with current IDPH guidelines.

If current local conditions are conducive to in-person events, the opportunity for face-to-face judging for Saline County will require that all participants, spectators, and volunteers adhere to Illinois 4-H event guidelines. We are counting on our 4-H members, their families, and our staff and volunteers to do their part to help make our upcoming events as safe as possible, whatever format they take.

The following COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols also may be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event.

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside).
2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact us directly at 618-252-8391. We are happy to discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event. As excited as we are about the possibility of stepping back into face-to-face judging, we also recognize that this is a continually evolving situation. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID-19 conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

We truly are stronger together. With your help we look forward to a safe and successful summer!

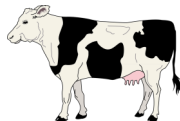
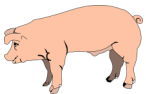
Breeding and Market Livestock Registration Forms

Attention: Exhibitors of Cattle, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Goats and Rabbits

Members **must** fill out a Livestock Registration form for Market animals as well as for Breeding animals. **Clearly indicate whether the animals are to be shown in a Breeding class or in a Market class.**

Forms will be due in the Extension office no later than May 15. **Members must declare a breed and a registration number on the form to show in Purebred classes.** Please fill out a separate form for Breeding Livestock and for Market Livestock.

This includes any market animals already recorded at the Beef, Swine, Sheep and/or Meat Goat Weigh-ins and non Rate of Gain market animals tagged within 10 days of the weigh-ins.

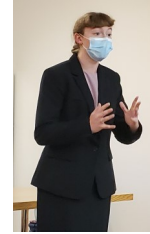




Public Presentations



Congratulations to our Public Presentations participants!



Rachel Lands - State Fair - Formal Speech

Hannah Haney - County Champion - Demonstration

Kenna Sisney - County Champion - Food Demonstration and Flower Arranging

Thank you to 4-H Alum Alex Watkins for judging the contest.



Handbook Cover Winner

Congratulations to Alice Miller of the Country Clovers 4-H Club. Alice was the winner of the 2021 Saline County 4-H Handbook Cover Contest.

Honorable Mention this year went to Rachel Lands.

Since very few books were printed last year, we are featuring last year's winner, McKenna Sisney, and last year's honorable mention, Alice Miller, on the inside front and inside back covers of the handbook.

Well Done and thanks to all who entered the contest!

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 will be practicing social distancing and masks are required.

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

Livestock Registrations due May 15.

Fair Entry Registrations due June 1.

QAEC and YQCA must be completed by June 1.

Small Pets forms due June 15.

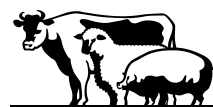
Saline County Day at the Illinois State Fair is **Sunday, August 15.**

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

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. Please visit: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/> to take the training.

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.

There are still 2 opportunities to take this training face-to-face on Thursday, May 6, from 6 - 7 pm and on Saturday, May 15, from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Both trainings are in Carmi.

Please contact Melissa Wilson at 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 5/6 or 5/15
11. Purchase Course

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 rabbit projects tattooed for the Saline County 4-H Rabbit Show in July.

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, contact Rabbit Superintendent, Cindy Boulds, at 294-0047.

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

Trailblazers News

The Trailblazers Horse Bowl/Hippology Team competed in Regional and State Contests. The regional contest was held virtually, and participants competed in-person at the state contest in St. Joseph, IL.



Hannah Wenzel from Carrier Mills was a member of the Second Place Senior Horse Bowl team in the Regional Contest. She was also second high individual in Horse Bowl (Reserve Champion). In addition she placed third in Hippology in a tie-breaker for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. At the State Contest, Hannah was 5th high individual in Intermediate Hippology against 26 participants in her division.

Avie Counts from Eddyville was second and Reserve Champion in Senior Level Hippology at the Regional Contest. She was a member of the second place Senior Horse Bowl team as well, and was fourth place individual in Senior Level Horse Bowl. Avie also placed 9th in a very tough Senior Division of Hippology at the State Contest.

Shelby Pribble from Goreville, placed fifth in Intermediate Level Hippology, and was fifth High Individual in Horse Bowl at the Regional Contest. She was also a member of the Second Place Regional Junior Horse Bowl Team.

Shaylen Rowland from Bonnie placed seventh in Hippology and was sixth High Individual for Horse Bowl at the Regional Contest. She too was a member of the Second Place Regional Junior Horse Bowl Team.

The team was coached by Joy Richey and Raegan Smith. Thanks to Saline County Stockmen for helping with travel expenses to state. Anyone interested in learning more about this program is encouraged to contact University of Illinois Extension office.

Junior Horse Show Opportunity

There will be a Junior Horse Show held at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds May 29-31 for youth ages 8-21.

Entries MUST be postmarked by May 14th. For more information visit: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/dsf/competitions/Pages/Youth-Horse-Show.aspx>.



Unit 24 Virtual Quilling Workshop

Virtual Quilling Workshop

Saturday, May 22nd
10:30 a.m.

Learn basic quilling skills during this fun workshop. Quilling strips will be provided.

Visit <https://go.illinois.edu/quilling> for more information and registration



Quilling is the art of rolling and shaping narrow strips of paper into coils or scrolls, and arranging them to form intricate layers or filigree. Quilling is a Visual Arts Paper project.

This workshop will demonstrate some basic quilling techniques. This dragonfly pattern from The Papery Craftery that will be demonstrated at the workshop will not be eligible for showing due to it NOT being an ORIGINAL piece of art.

With the skills you learn you can create an ORIGINAL piece of art.

Quilling workshop will be held virtually Saturday, May 22nd starting at 10:30 a.m.

Registration will close at midnight on May 17th.

Visit <https://go.illinois.edu/quilling> to register.



Fair Entry is Open!

Youth who have enrolled in 4-H Online will now need to register in Fair Entry for the exhibits they will be bringing to the Saline County 4-H Shows. Whether you enrolled yourself in 4-H Online or submitted a paper enrollment, families will need to sign into Fair Entry and enter the projects the youth will be bringing to the fairs. Lois emailed instructions for Fair Entry.

If you are bringing exhibits to the General Show or the Home and Family Show, you will find the categories under General Projects. By registering your exhibits for the General Show and/or the Home and Family Show, we can print exhibit tags for you to tape to your exhibits.

For those enrolled under Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Sheep or Swine, if you know you will be exhibiting under Showmanship or if you are in a Rate of Gain class, you may just enter that class. We will enter the classes when the livestock show is over.

The deadline to enter your exhibits in Fair Entry is June 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please e-mail Lois at: ljones@illinois.edu. Thank you.

New 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

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

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu to submit a request!



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Service Opportunities

We want to hear how you are impacting your community!

Register your service outreach efforts (or outreach plans!) for the months of **May and June** that demonstrate support of your communities.

Register [here](#).

4-H Memorial Camp

Family Camp

4-H Family Camp | Experience the fun of summer camp right along with your kids!

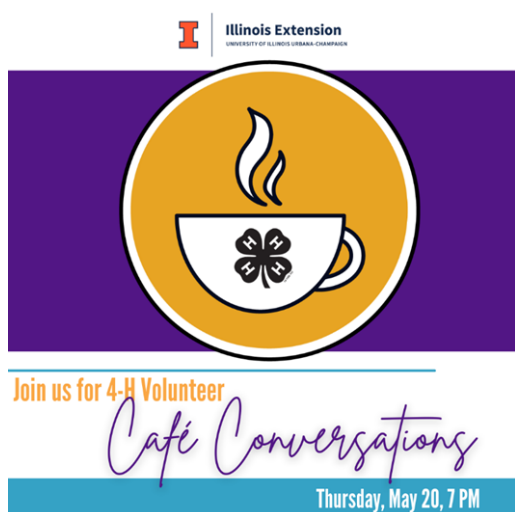
Enjoy your own family cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat right in central Illinois. While at camp your family can swim, boat, shoot archery, climb the rock wall, make arts & crafts, fish, take hayrack rides, participate in S.T.E.M. activities, hike, make s'mores over a campfire, and so much more!

Ready to camp? Sign up for the June 6-8, June 18-20 or July 9-11 sessions at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp21>

****Reminder you can find the promotional toolkit [here](#) ******



CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS



Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations** Thursday, May 20 at 7pm. Volunteers meet to 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. Bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

[Head here to register.](#)

Remember – 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug!

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!**

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

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
- 4, 11, 18, 25 - Dog Obedience class, 6 pm & 7 pm, Cheri's shop
- 8 - Rabbit Tattooing Opportunity, 10 am - Noon, Fairgrounds
- 9 - Happy Mother's Day to our 4-H Moms!
- 15 - Livestock Registration forms due by this date to the Extension office - All Breeding and Market Animals
- 20 - Volunteer Café Conversations, 7 pm
- 22 - Virtual Quilling Workshop
- 31 - Extension Office closed for Memorial Day



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
- 9 - Livestock Committee Meeting, 8 pm, Extension Office with a Zoom option
- 12 - Counted 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!



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