

Saline County 4-H Connection



Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members

October/November 2021

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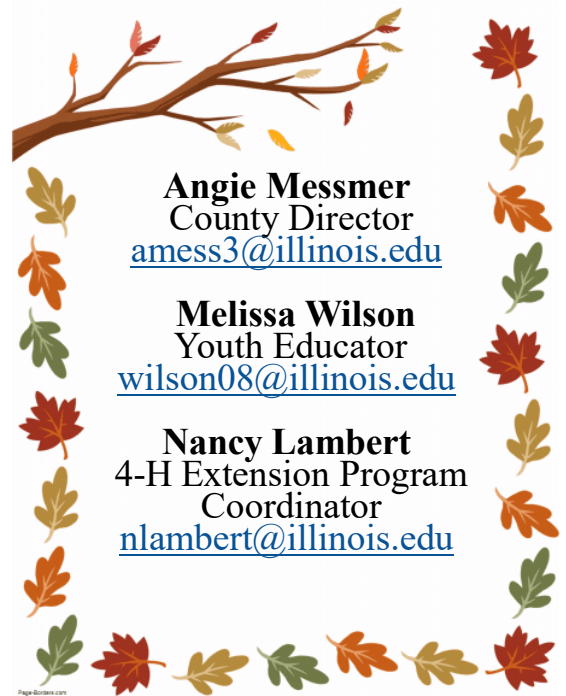
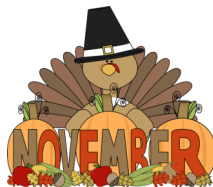


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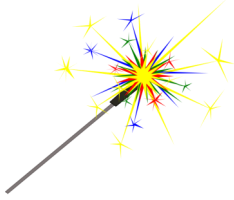
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National 4-H Week

October 3-9, 2021

“Find Your Spark in 4-H!”



This week we join over 6 million other 4-H members in celebrating National 4-H Week!

You are part of a special group - using your Head, Heart, Hands, and Health to make the world a better place, to break through obstacles, to push our country forward, to make a difference right where you live.

Celebrate National 4-H Week! Recognize the confidence, passion, and practical skills that you have learned through 4-H to step up to the challenges of our changing world.

You can always find your Spark in 4-H!

Celebrate with us!

Here are some Spirit Week ideas from Illinois 4-H!

Tag @illinois4H on Instagram or send us your post in Facebook messenger to Illinois 4H for a chance to be featured on our stories/feed!



Service Project Sunday – Give back to your community today with an individual or club service project.

Member Monday – Show that you are a proud 4-H member! Change your temporary profile picture to National 4-H week and post a picture of yourself in your 4-H shirt with five reasons why you love 4-H on socials/stories.

Time Machine Tuesday – Share a picture of you at the start of your 4-H career vs. now.

Why 4-H Wednesday – Share why someone should join 4-H either in person or on social media/stories.

Thankful Thursday – Thank someone who supported you in 4-H!

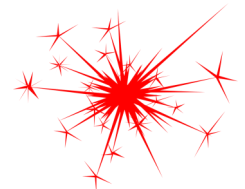
Favorite Project Friday – Share a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project

Spirit Saturday - Show your 4-H spirit! Wear your favorite 4-H shirt today or show off your 4-H sticker swag on your computers, water bottles, and more.

Saline County National 4-H Week Displays and posters

should be in place by Sunday, October 3rd.

Email Nancy with the location.



SALINE COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT



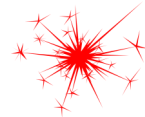
Make plans to join us at the Saline County Fairgrounds Livestock Building on Monday, October 25th for our annual Saline County 4-H Achievement Night. The program will begin at 7 pm.

Cloverbuds, 1st year members, 10-year members, retiring members, and leaders will be honored, along with very deserving Alumni members and a Friend of 4-H.

This year we will have a special recognition for Jim and Jeanette Bond, 35-year leaders with Lads & Lassies 4-H Club.

Members who turned in their 4-H records will receive their plaque/trophy engraved with the awards achieved at the 2021 4-H shows.

Please RSVP by October 18th to nlambert@illinois.edu.



You don't want to miss walking across the stage when your name is called!

4-H FALL PARTY



You are invited to the 4-H Fall Party and Wiener Roast! Join us at the Fairgrounds Livestock Barn area on Wednesday, November 10, starting at 6:30 pm for a fun Fall evening!



We are planning a Bonfire and Wiener Roast, a Scavenger Hunt, Flashlight Tag, and more! Please bring a working flashlight.

As with our 4-H Rally, we are hoping to increase our Saline County 4-H membership. So, bring a non-4-H friend. Let's show them how much fun Saline County 4-H can be!

Chips, drinks, and dessert will be provided. We are asking families to bring hot dogs and buns for your own family. Also, please bring wiener roast sticks if you have them.



Don't miss the fun! See you there!

Please RSVP to nlambert@illinois.edu by November 3rd.

Fall Party Community Service

We will be collecting warm socks for the 4C's Homeless Shelter. Please be generous.



Federation News

At the September meeting of the Saline County 4-H Federation, the following officers were elected.

President: Rachel Lands Vice-President: Lillian Siler
Secretary: Maddy Sisney Treasurer: Wyatt Arnold
Recreation: Kenna Sisney



Congratulations!

These officers will be installed at Achievement Night on October 25th.

Federation Meeting

The next meeting of the Saline County 4-H Federation is scheduled for Monday, October 11th at 5:30 pm at the Extension office. We will be planning for Achievement Night and discussing the Fall Party. There will be a Zoom option for the meeting. Please let me know if you would like the Zoom link.

Achievement Night Committee

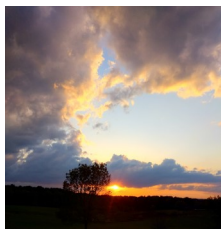
The 4-H Achievement Night Committee will meet during the Federation meeting on Monday, October 11th at 5:30 pm. (You may not even know that your club leader appointed you to this committee.) Committee members have been contacted by email. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Photo Contest Winners

Thank you to all who sent in photos for our Community Service project and for the Photo Contest. Congratulations to the winners. I will be contacting you to arrange delivery of your prize.



Alice Miller
Winner, Junior



Rachel Lands
Winner, Senior



Tate Miller
2nd Place, Senior



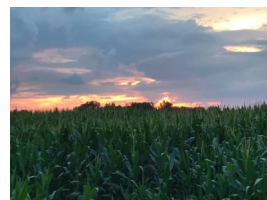
Drake Wilson
3rd Place, Senior



Valerie Allen
Winner, Adult



Tommy Wilson
2nd Place, Adult



Gayla Heath
3rd Place, Adult

Enrollment/Re-Enrollment



Instructions for youth/adult re-enrollments:

Go to <http://v2.4honline.com>. Enter your email address and password. Click Sign-In. Continue to Youth and Cloverbud Member Enrollment to re-enroll youth members, continue to Adult Enrollment to reenroll Adult members.

If you are returning to 4-H, your member record will be listed on the family Member List. Click “Enroll Now” under the Program in which you would like to enroll. Follow through each page to complete your enrollment. If you have forgotten your password, click “Reset Password?” to receive an email with a link to set a new password.

Illinois 4-H has a maximum per family enrollment fee of \$60. Based on this amount, the first three youth members in a family would be expected to pay \$20 per member. For the fourth member and beyond, the fee would be waived. For the fourth member and beyond, please select check as the payment method. You may pay by credit card or check when enrolling online. If paying by check, please make the check payable to University of Illinois Extension.

Please make sure you enroll in Saline County, and not the county you reside in if it happens to be different than Saline County.

Youth/Adults must be enrolled prior to attending any club meetings or club/county events. Please be prompt and get your enrollments done now.

Credit Card Information

Illinois 4-H has been experiencing quite a lot of credit cards being declined by the enrollment system - 4-H Online. Families who have paid with a credit card in the past should delete their credit card information before trying to re-enroll members. Instructions on how to delete credit card information prior to enrollment were emailed to all families on September 27th.



Leader News



New 4-H Year paperwork will be ready for pick-up at Achievement Night. Included in the new year packet for each club: Club Officers, Club Program Schedule, and Progress Goals forms, Committee Sheets and more.

Please return your club packet no later than December 10th.

Please clearly indicate if you do or do not want to appoint adults or youth to a committee, so we do not have to guess.



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.



Explore 4-H

Explore 4-H, Rediscover Your Backyard will be held at Lake Glendale in Pope County, IL on October 9, 2021, starting at 10 a.m. This event will provide youth the opportunity to explore different areas of 4-H such as hiking, visual arts nature, water safety, wildlife, outdoor recreation, and other Natural Resources activities.

Youth do NOT have to be a 4-H member to attend this event. The event is open to all youth in Southern Illinois between the ages of 5 and 18. Join us for a fun time in the outdoors while learning about 4-H, participating in a team photo scavenger hunt, making new friends, and most of all making memories. You never know you may be one of the lucky ones that walks away with a fun 4-H door prize! This event is FREE to all that attend. We follow all University of Illinois Covid-19 protocols.

Register today at: <https://go.illinois.edu/RediscoverYourBackyard>

Unit-wide 4-H Scarecrow Challenge

IT'S FALL! In our neck of the woods, that means farmers are out harvesting their fields, the weather is cooler and campfire season is almost here. Mums and pumpkins are making their appearances - along with SCARECROWS!

Please join Unit 24 for a 4-H Scarecrow Challenge! Make a scarecrow out of things around the house - NO buying anything! Just make a good old fashioned scarecrow wearing a 4-H clover! Display your scarecrow, take a picture and send it to your EPC by November 1. Photos will be shared on social media. A favorite scarecrow will be selected from each county, and one scarecrow will be selected as an overall favorite from our Gallatin, Hamilton, Pope-Hardin, Saline and White county unit.

Your scarecrow may be seated, standing or hanging. Hint... wire hangers, buckets, or even flower pots are very useful in making a scarecrow. A fake pumpkin, a stuffed pillow case or burlap sack would make a great head. Grocery bags, newspapers, old pillows and even pool noodles can be use for stuffing or to keep arms and legs straight. Your scarecrow can wear a hat and/or shoes, bib overalls, pants and shirt, or a dress.

These are just some suggestions to help you plan your creation! Remember- the 4-H clover MUST be displayed prominently on the scarecrow. Feel free to make a traditional version or something a little more modern. We can't wait to see what you create! Submit photos by November 1st to Nancy at: nlambert@illinois.edu.



Clever Cricuts SPIN Club

Clever Cricuts Beginner Design Space and Maker SPIN is a new multi-county club based in Gallatin County.

During the 6 meetings, participants will learn how to design using Cricut Design Space and create projects using vinyl and cardstock on materials such as plastic, glass and wood. Participants are encouraged to create a free Cricut account and download the free Design Space app on their tablet, iPad or smartphone.

Space is limited to the first 4 members ages 8 and up from each county. (Gallatin, Hamilton, Pope-Hardin, Saline & White). While you may get a confirmation email this does not guarantee your spot if the 4 spaces for your county have been filled.

A \$20 materials fee will apply- all materials for projects will be provided. Payment should be paid at the first meeting either via cash or check made out to University of Illinois Extension.

Classes are scheduled to be held in the back meeting room of the Gallatin County Farm Bureau located at 216 S Murphy, Ridgway, IL 62979. Meetings will begin promptly at 6:00 pm and last approximately an hour and a half on the following Thursdays: October 21, October 28, November 4, November 11, November 18 and December 2.

Please register online at <https://forms.gle/6RmgCXp55yk3rnVU6>. Registration opens October 1. Each registration is time stamped to insure we are able to enroll the first 4 individuals from each of our 5 counties.



Unit 24 4-H October Club Food Challenge

Unit 24 County 4-H Clubs - our Food Pantries need our help. Please consider participating in this Unit-wide October Community Service. Each day in the month of October, add an item to your box. Then donate the box of food to your favorite food pantry in early November. (Call the food pantry ahead of time to determine social distancing rules.) If you cannot participate the entire month, consider just collecting the items during National 4-H Week, October 3rd - 9th. These 7 items would help a lot with Thanksgiving meals.

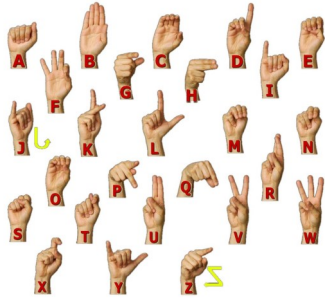
October 1 - box of cereal
October 2 - jar of peanut butter
October 3 - boxed potatoes
October 4 - canned corn
October 5 - canned green beans
October 6 - cranberry sauce
October 7 - canned sweet potatoes
October 8 - dessert - boxed mix
October 9 - stuffing mix
October 10 - jar of applesauce
October 11 - canned tuna
October 12 - canned tomatoes
October 13 - box of crackers
October 14 - canned beans
October 15 - canned fruit cocktail
October 16 - package of oatmeal

October 17 - package of pasta
October 18 - spaghetti sauce
October 19 - chicken noodle soup
October 20 - tomato soup
October 21 - mixed vegetables
October 22 - canned carrots
October 23 - canned peaches
October 24 - cornbread mix
October 25 - cake mix
October 26 - canned frosting
October 27 - canned pears
October 28 - package of rice
October 29 - mushroom soup
October 30 - macaroni and cheese
October 31 - bag of candy

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Please email a photo of your your club members and food donation to your 4-H program coordinator. Thanks so much for participating in this community service activity and helping those in need.



Sign Language Workshop

Saline County youth are invited to attend a **Sign Language Workshop** on **October 16, 2021**, from **10 am -noon** at the **White County Extension Office**.

Come and learn basic sign language skills from teacher Karen Worley. Skills learned at this Unit-wide class can be incorporated into lessons from the Diversity & Culture Awareness project.

Let's Get Social

The State 4-H Office would love to connect with you on social media! If your club has a picture or story you'd like to feature on the State social media pages, send it our way! Tags do not work reliably in Facebook, but feel free to connect on Facebook Messenger with a post to share or email the picture and your club name, county, and a line or two on what's happening in the photo to carissa7@illinois.edu.

What makes a great picture that's easy to share? Good lighting (make sure we can see everyone!) Mask/safety protocols are being followed. Everyone in the picture has a signed release form as part of their onboarding paperwork. Your picture tells a story! Action shots are great, or pictures where you can easily tell what's going on even if you don't read the caption. So, a tight group shot of kids together isn't as inspiring as a picture of kids around a garden they just built or actively working on planting.



Follow along on the state pages for news, announcements, and stories!

Instagram: @illinois4h

Facebook: www.facebook.com/illinois4h

Twitter: @illinois4h

2021 4-H Junior Leadership Conference

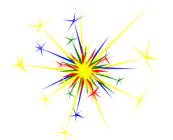
The Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference (JLC) is a fun-filled day for junior high 4-H members (7th & 8th grades). It provides a look into opportunities in Illinois 4-H and helps start their leadership journey. Members gain skills related to 4-H leadership, such as communications, decision-making, and teamwork, while engaging in hands-on activities.

The conference dates are October 16 or October 17, 2021. You choose which date to attend. The conference location is the Decatur Hotel & Conference Center in Decatur, IL. Registrations are due October 1, and the cost for the conference is \$50 (this includes lunch, a t-shirt, and all conference supplies).

The Saline County Stockmen's Association has voted to pay the registration for up to 10 Saline County 4-H members to attend this conference.

Thank you Stockmen!!!

Participants may visit the event website, go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc to register.



4-H Calendar



OCTOBER 2021

- 1-31 - October Club Food Challenge goes on all month.
- 1 - Registration opens for the Clever Cricuts SPIN Club
- 3-9 - **It's National 4-H Week!** Invite a friend to your 4-H club meeting. Wear your 4-H shirt to school.
- 9 - Explore 4-H, 10 am - Noon, Lake Glendale
- 11 - 4-H Federation Meeting and Achievement Night Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm at the Extension office
- 16 - Sign Language Workshop, 10 am - noon, White County Extension office
- 16 or 17 - Junior Leadership Conference, Decatur
- 18 - RSVP for 4-H Achievement Night
- 25 - **Achievement Night, 7- 8 pm, Saline County Fairgrounds Livestock Building**
- 31 - Happy Halloween!

NOVEMBER 2021

- 1 - Scarecrow entry photos due to Nancy at: nlambert@illinois.edu
- 3 - RSVP for Fall Party
- 7 - Daylight Savings Time ends - set your clocks back 1 hour.
- 10 - 4-H Fall Party - 6:30 pm, Saline County Fairgrounds
- 11 - Veterans Day
- 25-26 - Happy Thanksgiving! The Extension office will be closed. Enjoy your holiday!



DECEMBER 2021

- 6 - Possible date for Federation Christmas Party
- 10 - 4-H Club Forms due in to the Extension office.



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