

Saline County 4-H Connection



Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members

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The New 4-H Year is Here!

This newsletter has several activities to get the new 4-H year started. Something to be noted...two new projects have been added: You Can Quilt and Cover Crop Science!

It is time to begin the enrollment/re-enrollment process for the 2021-2022 4-H year. Please wait to begin the enrollment process until after September 15th.

For youth/volunteer 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.

Here's to a GREAT 2021-2022 4-H Year!



4-H Float



Tim Arnold, with help from Wyatt and Garrett, has offered to repair the 4-H Float - airing up or replacing the tires, repainting and making general repairs.

Do we have anyone willing to pull the float and walk in area parades this month? We would need 5 - 10 youth or adults to make a good showing. The office could provide flyers, popsicles, candy, etc. to hand out to spectators. Please let me know.

Leader/Parent Information

4-H Experience Award Application packets are due September 10, 2021.

County Medal Applications, Achievement Trophy Applications, and club paperwork such as the Membership Checklist, Club Secretary and Treasurer Books, Financial Activity Statements, will also be due on September 10th.





General Show Entries

- Courtney Boulds - Design Decisions - Advanced - Champion Medallion
- Marissa Cullers - Vegetable Display - Participation Award
- Andrew Grizzell - Visual Arts, Nature - Participation Award
- Carter Herrmann - Floriculture A - Champion Medallion
- Rachel Lands - Visual Arts, Metal - Reserve Champion Medallion
- Landon Porter - 4-H Cooking 101 - Champion Medallion
- Lillian Siler - Photography 1 - Participation Award
- Sierra Wilson - Visual Arts, Wood - Champion Medallion



Animal Entries

- Kate Bond - Swine - Champion Hamp Barrow (Open Show)
 Champion Spot Gilt (Jr. Show)
- Haylee Brown - Beef - 2nd and 3rd place in her classes
- Hannah Wenzel - Dog - 4th place in Obedience, 2nd place in Rally



Federation News

The Saline County 4-H Federation met on August 9th at the Harrisburg Park Kiwanis Shelter. Those present enjoyed a Dairy Queen treat during the meeting.

Officer Petitions for the 2021-2022 4-H year were distributed. Youth running for a Federation office must bring their completed petition to the September 13th meeting, when we will hold our election of officers. Petitions are available at the Extension office for any 4-H youth, 8th grade and up.



Photography Contest



We have extended the date to submit photos for our Farm Credit Community Service project and **Photography Contest** to run through **September 13th**.

We have fallen short of our goal of 100 photos. Please search through your photos or take some photos when you are out and about in nature, on a walk, working in the garden or field, feeding animals, etc., and send them by email to nlambert@illinois.edu no later than September 13th.

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.

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. We think this is an important community service and a great way to spend our grant money.



Federation Meeting

The next meeting of the Saline County 4-H Federation is scheduled for Monday, September 13th at 5:30 pm at the Extension office.

We will be electing Federation officers for the 2021-2022 4-H Year. Those seeking an office need to bring their completed petition to the meeting.

We will also be planning National 4-H Week activities and discussing Achievement Night.

There will be a Zoom option for the meeting. Please let me know if you would like the Zoom link.

Management Meeting

The 4-H Management Committee will meet on Monday, September 13th at 7:00 pm at the Extension office.



We will be reviewing the 2021 4-H shows, discussing Achievement Night and choosing award winners, and discussing fall events.

This is an important meeting and all committee members are encouraged to attend.

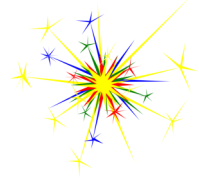
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National 4-H Week

October 3-9, 2021

“Find Your Spark in 4-H!”



Has 4-H Sparked your interest in an idea for a project you never expected to enjoy or in a direction that you never expected to take?

Maybe your Spark is Art or Aerospace, Welding or Woodworking, Clothing or Cooking, Public Speaking or Photography, Animal Science or Agriculture! Maybe Electricity sparks your interest or researching spark plugs for your Small Engine project is your thing!

You can always find your Spark in 4-H!

Let’s all help promote Saline County 4-H! We need YOU at the following events!

Galatia Mayor Proclamation - Tuesday, September 21. All Galatia area 4-H members and adult volunteers should meet outside the Galatia Village Hall at 3:00 pm (or as soon as school ends) to witness as Mayor Steve Sloan signs a National 4-H Week proclamation. Wear a 4-H shirt and bring a mask!

Harrisburg Mayor Proclamation - Tuesday, September 21. All Harrisburg area 4-H members and adult volunteers should meet on the front steps of Harrisburg City Hall at 5:00 pm to witness as Mayor John McPeck signs a National 4-H Week proclamation. Wear a 4-H shirt and bring a mask!

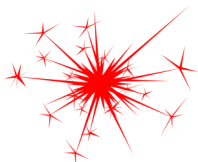
Eldorado Mayor Proclamation - Tuesday, September 28. All Eldorado area 4-H members and adult volunteers should meet in front of the Eldorado City Hall at 4:30 pm to witness as Mayor Rocky James signs a National 4-H Week proclamation. Wear a 4-H shirt and bring a mask!

PSA’s at WEBQ - Wednesday, September 29. We will record Public Service Announcements at WEBQ Radio Station from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. The PSA’s will run during National 4-H Week.

This year, I invite you to write your own 30-second spot using the format - **“My 4-H Spark is _____.”** Please include the dates of National 4-H Week - October 3-9, 2021 - and Extension office/Saline County 4-H contact information - 618-252-8391.

I will have some pre-written PSA’s for you to read if you prefer that. Call the Extension office if you can record a message. We will wait outside and go in the building one at a time.

Please bring a mask to enter the building.



Window Display Contest

You, your 4-H club, and/or your family are invited to participate in the **4-H Window Display Contest**. Please have your display completed for judging by **Sunday, October 3rd**, and call Nancy with the location so it can be judged!

Please make your display visible from outside this year, since we are not sure if we will be allowed to go into banks, libraries, offices, schools, etc., to view and judge the displays due to Covid.



We are asking that you leave the displays in place until October 9th, the end of 4-H Week.

Poster Contest



Individual 4-H members who would like to design a 4-H poster for National 4-H Week are asked to have the posters in place by **Sunday, October 3rd**. Call Nancy with the poster location. Please place your poster somewhere that is visible from outside, since we are not sure if we will be allowed to go into banks, libraries, offices, schools, etc., to view and judge the posters this year due to Covid.

Display and Poster Contest Guidelines

1. Display/Poster promotes 4-H and what members gain from joining. (20 points)
2. Display/Poster follows the theme. (20 points)
3. Display/Poster has an “attention getter” that attracts viewers. (20 points)
4. Display/Poster is neatly and logically arranged and clearly expresses message. (20 points)
5. Display/Poster gives name of 4-H club and contact information, such as phone number, e-mail address, and where assistance is available. (20 points)

Winners will be announced at Achievement Night!

Saline County 4-H Achievement Night

Plans are underway for our Achievement Night event. I don't have a date or location yet, but we will be discussing and planning for Achievement Night at our September 13th Federation and Management Committee meetings.

I would like to poll the membership to get your thoughts on the plaques/trophies that we traditionally give for your Grand Champion/State Fair/County Champion wins. Do you still like to receive a plaque or trophy? Do you have other ideas of an award you would like? For instance, would you rather get a certificate listing your awards along with a gift or something else?

Please send an email with your thoughts to nlambert@illinois.edu.

Covid-19 Guidance for the New 4-H Year

The 4-H New Year is here and we are so excited to introduce new tools and new projects!

4-H Project Spark Sheets <https://go.illinois.edu/4hsparksheets>

4-H Project Selection Guide <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide>

Illinois Shop 4-H (Webstore) <https://go.illinois.edu/ILShop4H>

From all of us at Illinois 4-H, we want to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers! You make the program what it is and you have truly made us stronger together. Thank you! We hope you will find this [Volunteer Tip Sheet](#) helpful in navigating this guidance. 4-H members, look for a special delivery in your mailbox with a small token to celebrate our 4-H community.

This year, we'll have a continued focus on keeping our youth, families, and volunteers safe during 4-H experiences. As such, anyone attending a 4-H indoor meeting or event **must wear face coverings** (that cover the nose and mouth) regardless of vaccination status, except for when eating and drinking. At outdoor meetings and events, face coverings will be encouraged, and attendees must wear face coverings when social distancing is not possible.

In addition, **social distancing of at least 6 feet between attendees from different households** must be followed. Additional cleaning and sanitizing procedures will also be in place. If anyone attending has a medical exception to face coverings, we encourage you to reach out to your local Extension staff for help in providing an accommodation. As always, we will continue to monitor and follow IDPH, CDC, and University guidelines and will keep you updated of any changes.

We continue to be humbled by the care you have taken to keep each other safe. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do and we are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Lisa Diaz
Illinois 4-H Director

4-H Green Communities Tree Program

Illinois 4-H is joining forces with the Illinois Association of Soil & Water Conservation District Forestry Committee to organize a statewide tree appreciation program entitled:

4-H Green Communities Tree Program.

Several educational forestry topics will be emphasized along with a culminating event of planting trees throughout the state on community-based properties in the Spring of 2022. Be thinking of where a tree could go in your community as a survey of interested counties will be done this fall! No cost to you!

Illinois 4-H Contact: Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu

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

September 2021



- 1 - New 4-H Year Begins!
- 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 - Submit your photos to be printed and submit one photo for the Photography Contest
- 13 - 4-H Federation Meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office/Zoom. We will be electing officers for 2021-2022.
- 13 - Management Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Extension Office/Zoom.
- 21 - **Galatia** National 4-H Week Mayor Proclamation Signing, 3:00 pm, outside of Galatia Village Hall. Wear a 4-H shirt and bring a mask.
- 21 - **Harrisburg** National 4-H Week Mayor Proclamation Signing, 5:00 pm, on the front steps of Harrisburg City Hall. Wear a 4-H shirt and bring a mask
- 28 - **Eldorado** National 4-H Week Mayor Proclamation Signing, 4:30 pm, outside of Eldorado City Hall. Wear a 4-H shirt and bring a mask
- 29 - Record PSA's at WEBQ Radio Station, 3-4 pm.

October 2021

- 3-9 - **It's National 4-H Week!** Invite a friend to your 4-H club meeting. Wear your 4-H shirt to school.
- 31 - Happy Halloween!



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