

Saline County 4-H Connection



Monthly News for Saline County 4-H Members

September 2020

TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER!



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4-H Calendar

The New 4-H Year is Here!

The past year held some challenges for us, and it appears that the new year will begin with challenges as well. However, I know we can overcome them and have a great 4-H year!

For the time being, the Extension Office is not open to the public. We will let you know when we are able to open. However, I am working in the office 1 or 2 days a week, or you can reach me by email anytime.

I still have ribbons in the office for some members from the 2020 4-H Shows. Call to schedule a time to pick up your ribbon packet.

It is time, once again, to think about enrolling or re-enrolling in Saline County 4-H for the 2020-2021 4-H year.

4-HOnline is changing over to a re-vamped 4-HOnline 2.0, and the data will be migrated over to the new system on September 9th. Everyone will come into the new system with no club or project assignment. Also, credit card information will not roll over.

We will have to delay enrollment and re-enrollment until the end of September. We will send out emails to the leaders and members with instructions on how to begin.

In the meantime, begin thinking about the projects you plan to take and any ideas for workshops you have for the year.

Here's to a GREAT 2020-2021 4-H Year!

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of these programs, please contact University of Illinois Extension at 618-252-8391.



September

- 1 - New 4-H Year Begins!
- 9 - Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:30, Fairgrounds Livestock Building, Masks Required, sign in with your own pen
- 11 - 4-H Experience Awards Packets, County Medal and other award applications, Secretary Books, Treasurer's Books, Club end-of-year paperwork and Financial Activity Statements due
- 11 - Federation Officer Petitions due
- 14 - Federation Meeting, 5:30 pm, Zoom
- 14 - Management Committee Meeting, 7pm, Extension Office, Masks Required, Sign in with your own pen
- 22 - Eldorado Mayor Proclamation Signing, 4:30 pm, outside City Hall
- 23 or 30 - Galatia Mayor Proclamation Signing, 3 pm, outside Village Hall

October

- 1 - Harrisburg Mayor Proclamation Signing, 5:30 pm, outside City Hall.
- 4-10 - National 4-H Week - We encourage you to recruit new members for your clubs. Wear a 4-H shirt to school.
- 7 - 4-H Spirit Day - Show your 4-H pride and wear a clover! Use the hashtag #Opportunity4All or #National4HWeek as you share your 4-H activities on social media and on the Illinois 4-H Facebook page.

At this time, we do not have definite plans for either an Achievement Night date or location. Achievement Night has traditionally been held the last Monday of October at the Harrisburg Middle School. When we get more direction from the state about gathering sizes and rules for 4-H meetings and events beyond the end of September, we will be able to make plans. Thank you for your patience.

- 31 - Halloween



The 2020 Census Shapes the Future for our Youth

The Census count serves as the basis for distributing federal assistance to schools, educational institutions, and agencies that support youth development. Programs that depend on census data include: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Head Start, Title 1 Aid that supports schools with large concentrations of low-income students, and special education grants to states.

Additionally, an accurate Census count also impacts youth in other ways as it helps the community determine the need for new schools, libraries, and childcare facilities. Finally, the federal Pell Grant program, which provides need-based federal financial aid for older youth attending college, uses census data to determine allocation.

These programs are critical for our youth and ensuring that we have an accurate Census count means that Illinois youth will get their fair share of support. According to a research study conducted by Dr. Jennifer Kusma of the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, roughly 35,000 children in Illinois were missed in the 2010 Census. Illinois lost out on \$1,000 per child per year in federal funding, which means the 2010 undercount of children in Illinois costs the state \$35 million per year, or \$350 million total, in missed funds.

It is not too late to [complete the 2020 Census](#). It only takes a few minutes to shape the future.

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Reminder

4-H Records Due Friday, September 11, 2020

Did you complete some or all of your 2020 4-H projects?

We sure appreciate the extra effort that took this year! Experience Awards packets to finish up the year are due by Friday, September 11th. You can take a picture or scan and email them (nlambert@illinois.edu), mail them to the office or call and arrange a time to meet me (see address and phone number are on the front page), or put them in the white mailbox outside the office .

County Medal Applications are also due on Sept. 11th. Applicants must be at least a 2nd year member.

Due on September 11th from Leaders:

Membership Checklist

Club Secretary's Book

Club Treasurer's Book

Club Scrapbook

Applications for Achievement Trophy

Award Nominations

Financial Activity Statement

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 the 4-H Show results, 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.



Illinois 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame



Congratulations to Danny Evans who was inducted into the Illinois 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame. The ceremony was held virtually this year on August 18th, and members of the 2020 class were sent a letter and a medallion.

Here is the full text of Danny's nomination:

To say that Danny Evans is dedicated to Saline County 4-H is such an understatement. He, along with his entire family, lives and breathes the motto, "To make the best better." He is a 10 year member and a 38 year leader of the Pleasant Valley Go-Getters 4-H Club. Danny serves the youth of Saline County with impartiality. He is the first to arrive at a committee meeting, a weigh-in or weigh-out, or a clean-up, and the last to leave, and he puts in 20 hour days at the fairgrounds during fair week. He has a famous briefcase containing years and years of 4-H history and a truck containing anything anyone, youth or adult, could ever need. He is kind and hardworking, a Christian man with a good heart and a love for 4-H that started with his parents, Warren and Roberta, and continues with his siblings, his wife Nancy, his children and grandchildren. Saline County 4-H kids and parents know to go to Danny with any questions and he will be a help to them. He celebrates their successes and grieves their losses, both 4-H and family. He keeps a cool head and truly uses his Head, Heart, Hands, and Health every day of the year to make our program great. He is a wonderful 4-H ambassador in Harrisburg and Saline County.

Congratulations!

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*. We are so excited to be launching 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 will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well!

Session #2 - Thursday, November 19, 2020

Session #3 - Thursday, February 18, 2021

Session #4 - Thursday, May 20, 2021

ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS



We LOVE to TALK to our Volunteer's!

SAVE THE DATE! Registration link will be provided soon.

4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Code of Conduct – Thursday, October 15, 2020

Effective & Engaging Meetings – Thursday, November 12, 2020

Parliamentary Procedure – Date Pending

ILLINOIS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

The **Illinois 4-H Scholarship** is a merit-based scholarship to award outstanding work in project areas. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the following categories: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/ Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth and STEM/ Robotics. The deadline to apply is November 1. Apply online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships .

CLUB RECOGNITION AWARD

Is your 4-H Club doing outstanding work in the areas of Community Service, Leadership or Project Mastery?. If so, you should apply for the Illinois 4-H Club Award! Clubs receiving this award will receive a \$75 cash incentive and an award certificate. This is also a great tool to set goals and plan for the upcoming 4-H year. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

Club Safety Management Plan

A *Safety Management Plan* is required for all in-person events hosted by the University of Illinois (including 4-H meetings and events) or in a facility owned or managed by the university.

The *Safety Management Plan* should include these essential details.

4-H Club Name

Club Meeting Date(s) and Time: *Include all dates for the year and/or reoccurring day of the month/time*

Club Meeting Location:

County:

Name and Contact Information of Club Leader:

Event Description: *List as "Ongoing 4-H Club" or describe 4-H event*

Anticipated Attendance:

If this is a drop-in or rotation event, provide a total overall and maximum attendance at one time.

Execution of Safety Protocols:

Describe how you will address face covering requirement, space setup, staffing, social distancing, signage, seating, entry and exiting, and other relevant details that affect participant safety and wellbeing.

4-H Club Format:

Is this a fully in-person event or does it have a virtual component?

Food and Beverage Plan:

Include contact information for all outside caterers. If food is offered at any meeting, program or event, it should be individual servings (e.g., pre-made plates, pre-packaged boxes or bags) for each attendee. Food should not be served as a buffet or family-style meal. Use of disposable food service items (e.g., utensils, dishes) is recommended. Consider the safety of individuals with food allergies. Provide hand-washing options and/or hand sanitizer for attendees.

Registration and Attendee Tracking Plans:

Describe how you will register attendees and store their contact information. Need to have a process for tracking attendance of parents or others as applicable.

Form should be signed by 4-H Leader and Extension Staff and forwarded to the County Director for approval.

Club Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

County Director Signature: _____ Date: _____



Livestock Committee Meeting

The Saline County 4-H Livestock Committee has a scheduled meeting for Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:30 pm. The plan for now is to hold the meeting at the Fairgrounds Livestock Building.

Social distancing and masks will be required. If we experience an increase in Covid-19 cases in the county, the meeting may have to move to a Zoom format.

Federation

The Saline County 4-H Federation will meet over Zoom on **Monday, September 14th, at 5:30 pm.** Officer Elections will be held. Officer petitions are due by **Friday, September 11th**, along with records and award applications. Email Nancy if you would like an officer petition. We are not requiring the 10 4-H member signatures of endorsement this year.

Management Committee Meeting

The Saline County Management Committee will hold a business meeting on Monday, September 14th, at 7 pm, at the Extension Office. We will be reviewing the 2020 4-H Shows and choosing award winners. Social distancing and masks will be required. If we experience an increase in Covid-19 cases in the county, the meeting may have to move to a Zoom format.

Current Meeting Requirements

Requirements for 4-H Club meetings and 4-H events - Phase 4 of the Governor's plan for Illinois.

From now through September 30th, gathering size is limited to the lesser of:
25 people indoors
50 people outdoors
50% of space capacity
In no space, regardless of size, can we have more than 50 people.



**Let's all help to promote Saline County 4-H!
WE NEED YOU AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS!**

**Mayor proclamation signings will be held outside.
Facemasks and social distancing are required.**

Eldorado Mayor Proclamation - Tuesday, September 22

All Eldorado area 4-H members should meet at Eldorado City Hall at 4:30 pm to witness as Mayor Rocky James signs a National 4-H Week proclamation. Wear a 4-H T-shirt!

Galatia Mayor Proclamation - Wednesday, September 23 or

30. Galatia area 4-H members are invited to meet at the Galatia Village Hall at 3 pm to witness as Mayor David Harwood signs a National 4-H Week Proclamation. I will send out the final date as soon as possible. Wear a 4-H shirt!

Harrisburg Mayor Proclamation - Thursday, October 1

All Harrisburg area 4-H members should meet at Harrisburg City Hall at 5:30 pm to witness as Mayor John McPeck signs a National 4-H Week proclamation. Wear a 4-H T-shirt!

PSA's at WEBQ

This year, we will not be able to enter WEBQ Radio Station to record Public Service Announcements. However, WEBQ staff will allow us to pre-record PSA's on an MP3 format to send to the station. Please send an email to me if you will be able to record a PSA. I can send you instructions. The PSA's will run during National 4-H Week.

This year, I would love for you to write a Public Service Announcement using the theme:

"What 4-H means to me during time of social distancing."

I have pre-written PSA's for you if you do not want to write your own.



WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST

You and your 4-H club are invited to participate in the **4-H Window Display Contest**. Just have your display completed for judging by **Sunday, October 4**, and call Nancy with the location so it can be judged! Please exercise caution in choosing your location this year. The display does not have to be in a window.

We are asking that you leave the displays in place until October 10th, 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 4th. Call Nancy with the poster location.

We have not decided on a Saline County theme yet. All Saline County 4-H members are invited to send in theme ideas. We will vote on a theme at the September 14th Federation Zoom meeting.

The National 4-H theme is "Opportunity4ALL". Clubs can use this theme or wait until the Saline County theme is announced.

Display and Poster Contest Guidelines

1. Promotes 4-H and what members gain from joining (20 points)
2. Follows the theme (20 points)
3. Has an "attention getter" that attracts viewers (20 points)
4. Is neatly and logically arranged and clearly expresses message (20 points)
5. Gives name of 4-H club and contact information, such as phone number, e-mail address, and where assistance is available (20 points)

