



APRIL 2023

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

- May 1-Horse Papers due
- May 15 - State Fair Sheep/Goat Nominations
- May 19-Henry Fair Entries
- June 1 - RI & Mercer Fair Entries
- June 1 - State Horse Entries
- June 30 - Stark Fair Entries
- July 1 - State Livestock Entries

Events:

- April 15 - RI Tree Planting
- April 27 - RI Pork Chop Dinner
- April 29 - State Public Speaking
- June 17-25 - Henry County Fair
- June 20 - State Livestock Judging



Mercer and Rock Island held county public speaking contests to determine who would advance to the state contest. Lily, Jocelyn and Jasmine are advancing from Mercer County. Bailey C., Bethany P. and Hannah P. They will be competing in Champaign on April 29. We wish them the best of luck. All participants did a wonderful job and deserve to be recognized for getting up and speaking in front of an audience.



Important Information

We are now approaching time for fair entries. The process will be slightly different this year. Instead of logging in with a 4-H Online user name, you will need to create a fair entry account. See instruction sheet given out by leaders for more detailed instructions, but you will:

- Visit fairentry.com and click on 'Find Your Fair' at the top
- Search county name and Illinois
- Click on the fair when it pops up
- Click on 'Create a FairEntry Account'
- Create a family account and add exhibitors

Once you add exhibitors, the process to enter projects is the same as previous years.

Deadlines: May 19—Henry; June 1—Mercer & Rock Island; June 30—Stark.

Project Manual Orders

Project manuals are required for a number of general projects. Read your fair book carefully—AND EARLY—to find out if you need a manual to meet the exhibit requirements for your project. If you do need a manual, you can:

- Order from Illinois' online store @ <https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop>
- Contact the Extension Office to see if we have a copy on file. (Do not wait until 2 days before fair to contact us because we do not have all manuals in the office)
- Crops exhibitors: This project requires a crop record. There are 4-H records available, but you can also use an FFA record. Read the exhibit requirements for full information.

Inside Insight:

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Club News & Notes | 2 |
| Livestock News | 5 |
| Around the State | 6 |
| RI Pork Chop Dinner | 8 |

Club News and Notes



Hamlet Handy Helpers Submitted by Mason Gray

The Hamlet Handy Helpers held their monthly meeting on March 11, 2023 at the Bowling Alley in Aledo.

President, Megan Gray, called the meeting to order. Pledges were led by Muireann Zippe. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Reminder to make sure all projects are uploaded into the system

by April 1. Our signs for the 100th celebration came in and will be displayed this summer. The Valentine's Day cards were delivered to Brookstone in Aledo by Megan and Mason Gray. Megan and Mason Gray helped at the Cloverbud workshop at WIU on March 4. Our club donated the spaghetti to Federation for the spaghetti supper on April 2 from 11-1. It was approved to send a donation to the Mercer County Food Pantry. Our club will be posted in the Times Record in May, so make sure to get your write-ups completed. As always, make sure to check the newsletter. The meeting was adjourned. Our club hosted our pizza party for Club of the Year and then had a recreational activity of bowling. Next meeting will be April 1.



Buccaneers Report Submitted by Bethany Prialux

On March 5th, 5:00 p.m., in Port Byron, the Buccaneers 4-H club held their monthly meeting. They talked about new 4-H t-shirts and the theme for this year's fair booth. Max Brockman gave a demonstration about maple syrup processing and the members got samples of Brockman Timbers homemade maple syrup. Raeleigh Vroman gave a demonstration about her dog, a blue heeler, which everyone got to pet. Then the members made sun catcher shamrocks with tissue paper, paper plates, and contact paper.



Alexis All Stars 4-H Submitted by Jayne Johnson

Alexis All -Stars met on Sunday March 19th at Community Center. Ella called the meeting to order. Pledges led by Jake Johnson. Roll Call with 20 members, 1 leader, 10 parents.

Old Business - talked about beef Weigh In

New Business - QA&E went over it - Spaghetti Dinner was discussed and they needed help.

Fair books will be handed out next meeting - Mark your Calendar for 4-h BBQ on June 9th, will discuss next meeting.

Took our group picture for Times Record. Jayne went over the Spring Dance April 22nd @ Fieldhouse. It's a Community Dance Our club will make all tables decorations tonight.

Talks by Jayla Johnson on her Visual Arts drawing she made for fair. Jake Johnson talked about his corn project from the fair.

Next meeting will be April 16th talks by Lily Grobosky, Clayton Olson, Kanin Terwilliger - anyone else that hasn't done their talk yet needs to. Servers Grobosky and Johnson.

Meeting was adjourned and we worked on crafts for the Dance.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to the horse judging participants on a great contest in February. Bailey Callahan, of Rock Island, was co-champion of the reasons division. Maddie Oltman, of Henry County, was the champion of the non-reasons division.

Attention Rock Island Members

Please see the back page for information on the RICO 4-H Foundation Pork Chop Dinner to be held April 27 in Milan.

Club News and Notes



Stark County Century Clovers Submitted by Kaylee Goerks

The Stark County 4-H Century Clover met on March 12th. Tyler Leezer and Austin Pinion came as guest speakers to talk about the 4-H Fishing Spin Club that is set to start in April. They also showed club members fishing lures they made with molds and said that all kids in the fishing spin club would have the opportunity to make one. Anyone interested in joining the Fishing Spin Club should contact Jennifer Peterson at the Extension (309) 932-3447. YMCA Fun Night was on Friday, March 17th from 7 to 11 pm. Over 40 kids enjoyed tumbling, swimming, pizza and treats; followed by open gym time. For an upcoming event we will be doing Bingo Night at Galva Courtyard Estates on April 19th at 6 pm. Our next meeting has been changed to the 3rd Sunday in April due to Easter. We will be meeting on April 16th at 3:30 in Wyoming at the junior fair grounds. We will also be collecting food for the local food pantry. We were able to collect 102.5 lbs of food to donate in the March meeting. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Annawan All Stars Report Submitted by Ella Anderson



We had another great month! Our meeting was hosted on February 26. We had a great set of talks done by Ryder Specht, Kasen Specht, Gabby Specht, Knox Specht, Ella Anderson, Kaleb Klockenga, and Kylie Klockenga.

We had another great month! Our meeting was hosted on March 19. We had an amazing set of talks done by Katie Attig, Alex Attig, Nic Thurston, and Maddox Thurston!



Magical Muggles Report Submitted by William B.

Magical Muggles held their meeting on Monday, March 20th, 2023. The meeting was called to order. The pledges were said.

The February meeting report was read by William B. Different club members gave updates on what they are working on. Henry and Willa M participated in ESports at WIU QC. Henry took second place. Joachim participated in Cloverkids on March 4th learning about seeds and farm animals. Cecilia took a cake decorating class in Port Byron. Bailey competed in the public speaking competition and earned a state delegate place. Bailey also participated in a poultry workshop with the EIPA (Eastern Iowa poultry association). Bailey, Anna, and Opal, participated in state 4-H horse judging where Bailey took first place and Anna took 3rd place.

For our meeting we had a guest speaker from the Philippines, Patria Serafica (mama Pat) from Luzon in the Philippines. She taught us to say some words in their language Tagalog. She told us some differences between the U.S and the Philippines. Here in Illinois we have 4 seasons and they only have 2. She showed us how to make Palitaw which is a type of rice dumpling with sweet coconut milk. We also tried Pancit Sotanghon that she made for us. This was glass noodles(rice noodles) with chicken, shrimp and mushrooms. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 17 2023.



Rural Go-Getters Report Submitted by Wyatt Viager

We started off our meeting with the normal business meeting format. After that, we started talks and demonstrations given by Henry A about his lamb and explained the process after the lambs are born and what he needs to do to ensure the baby is safe and healthy. Next, we had a talk by Wyatt V about the Indian Corn he grows in their family garden.



Learn about careers in the child development field and best practices for working with children in the virtual webinar. It will be held on May 11 from 6-7 p.m. Watch for the registration coming soon.



MORE NEWS & notes

Phyllis Nelson Memorial Scholarship



The Mercer County Youth Livestock Auction Committee will be awarding the 2023 Phyllis Nelson Memorial Livestock Scholarship. Scholarships in the amount of \$250 will be awarded to a high school senior or freshman in college. The applicant must be a current Mercer County 4-H member and must be a current livestock exhibitor. To request an application email klaleman13@gmail.com Completed applications are due by **June 23**.

Shooting Sports Training:

For anyone interested in becoming a certified shooting sports instructor, there will be a training on Saturday, May 6 in Monticello. It is a one day training and is open for all disciplines. If you are interested in becoming an instructor or a county coordinator, contact your local Extension office.



4-H Hooks



Get your rods and reels ready! The 2023 **4-H Hooks-Us-Together Statewide Fishing Tournament** will run from April 1 – June, 30 2023. Each month will feature a different species of fish:

- April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament
- May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
- June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Participants will take pictures of their catch clearly showing the length in inches and submit to be entered to win prizes. You must be enrolled in the Sportfishing project in ZSuite to be eligible to win.

Stark County members enrolled in the Fishing SPIN club are automatically enrolled in Sportfishing.

All pictures should be submitted to this website: <https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H>



Attention Rock Island County 4-H Members:

4-H is teaming up with the Soil and Water Conservation District again this year to plant 25 Oak trees in the community—and we need your help.

We are looking for **10-12** members to volunteer with the tree planting.

When: Saturday, April 15 from 2-3 p.m.

Where: Loud Thunder Forest Preserve in Illinois City
If you are able to help, email McCala at mmmille@illinois.edu.

Henry County Fair Dates

The Henry County Fair Dates moved back to the 3rd Week of June. The final show schedule is still being determined, but here are some important dates:

General Projects—Saturday, June 17

Livestock Auction—Thursday, June 22

Project Check-out—Sunday, June 25, 3-4 p.m.

- Note that the checkout time is different than what is listed in the fair book. It was moved because the fair will be charging admission until 3.

State Fair Date

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Stark members who are selected to show general projects at State Fair will show on

Sunday, August 13



Ready to challenge yourself and then prove it to your 4-H Leader or another trusted adult? You could teach them a thing or two! Learn these skill levels and compete for some great prizes that will help you enjoy the outdoors!

For full information visit: <https://go.illinois.edu/4-HOutdoorSkillsChallenge>



NEWS & notes

Livestock Info

Dog Obedience Practices

If you are planning to participate in the dog obedience show at your county fair, you must attend at least 6 sessions of training. Please bring proof of Rabies vaccination with you to all classes.

Henry— Wednesdays beginning April 5, 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Cambridge.

Rock Island—Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning May 9, 6 p.m. at the RICO fairgrounds in East Moline.

Mercer—Mondays beginning April 3, 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Aledo. Do not bring your dog to the April 3 session.

If you prefer to take private classes, they must be AKC based and you must bring proof of completion with you to the county show.



Livestock Ethics Trainings

The animal ethics trainings are **required**. There are two different trainings. Please follow the rules for the one that fits the type of animal you show. If you plan to show animals in both categories, you are required to complete both trainings.

QAEC - for cats, dogs, horses, poultry & rabbits.

This training is only required ONCE per 4-H career. It is free and can be accessed here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

YQCA - for cattle, goats, sheep & swine

This training is required once per YEAR. It is \$12 to complete online at yqcaprogram.org. Remember that this is a new website as of last spring.

State Fair Entry Deadlines

Horses—Ownership/Lease/Registration papers due to county office by **May 1, 2023** with pictures of each side of the horse. State Fair entry forms due to state fair office by **June 1**. State Fair entry forms must include a copy of the ownership/lease/registration papers and pictures.

Livestock—Entries due to the state fair office by **July 1**. Office will not accept late entries.

Goat SPIN Club

When: Sundays - May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18, July 2 and July 16

Where: Rock Island County Fairgrounds
4200 Archer Drive, East Moline

Time: 2:00-3:00 pm

Learn:

- *How to evaluate and select goats
- *How to feed and manage goats
- *How to fit and show goats

During these sessions, you will work with live animals, learn how to lead goats and set them up to be judged.

Goats will be provided for you to lease or you can bring your own goat. The number of goats available to lease is limited and will be supplied on a first come, first served basis. Sign up early!

Registration is open now and will close on **May 1**:
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4-HGOATSPINCLUB](https://go.illinois.edu/4-HGOATSPINCLUB)



Other Dates to Note:

Regional Horse Bowl—April 1 @ BHE

State Livestock Judging—June 20, 2023 @ U of I Stock Pavillion

State Horse Show—July 23 -29 in Springfield

State Fair Market Animals

Premiere Barrows: Must be weighed and tattooed between February 10 and April 15, 2023. Pigs must be tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1lb/day of age. Contact the Extension Office to set up a tattoo date.

Market Wethers, Ewe Lambs & Meat Goat Wethers:

Must self-nominate between March 15 and May 15, 2023. Nomination forms available through Extension Office and require a picture showing Scrapie ID tag affixed in animals' ear.



NEWS & notes

Around the State

Illini Summer Academies

Illini Summer Academies are back this year on the University of Illinois campus. ISA provides a rich career exploration experience to youth in 10th-12th grades. Registration is open to the first 175 members and different academies have different costs/participant limits. The dates for this year's ISA is **June 25-29**. Registration open now at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/illini-summer-academies>

These are the offered academies:

- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- The Science of Food Security
- Work Hard, Play Hard (Health & Wellness Careers)
- Video Game Development
- Veterinary Medicine
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Animal Sciences
- Food Advocacy and Leadership
- Community Health Workers
- Business Academy
- Field to Fork: Local Food Careers
- Engineering Technology in Crop, Animal & Food Production
- Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences
- Honeybees & Beekeeping
- SLAAY: Social Issues Theater

For individual academy prices & information, contact the local Extension Office or visit the website above.

4-H Camp Registration



Spring Family Camp will be back again May 19-21. Bring the whole family to enjoy a weekend of camp fun. Planned activities include: Swimming, Boating, Fishing, Arts & Crafts, Zip Lining, Rock Climbing, STEM Activities, and more!

Fees: Cabin Rental—\$215; each cabin has 10 beds
Participant Fee—\$84/person for 8+; \$56 for 4-7 year olds

Registration and Information here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/event/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp>



4-H members and clubs continue to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they work to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community while focusing on the 4th "H" and pledging their HANDS to larger service!

Please share your story of how you and/or your club are supporting your community by going to the Illinois 4-H website's Community Service page,

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/4-h-community-service>. To be identified as having participated in the National 4-H Day of Service, you first must click on the "Register Your 2023 Event" box and share your plan for positively impacting your community. Once you have completed your service outreach efforts, then be sure to go back to the webpage use click the "Report 2023 Community Service" box and report what you accomplished and how you and your club made a difference.

Applications are open now for a NEW team of Illinois 4-H Influencers. Members of this team will get training in social media management and hands-on experience that can be included in portfolios for your future. Apply at: go.illinois.edu/IL4HInfluencers.

Ready to try a social media career on for size?

Applications are open for the NEW Illinois 4-H Influencers team!



Illinois & Indiana are teaming up for the 2023 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip where teens will be able to experience their nation's capital during one of the most amazing weeks to experience Washington D.C. as they travel **July 2 – 7, 2023!** The delegation will be traveling by bus, with a stop in Gettysburg, for a visit at the battlefields.

Register by March 6, 2023 to reserve your spot! Illinois is limited to 10 youth.

Target Audience: 4-H Members ages 14-18 (As of May 1, 2023)

Estimated Cost: \$2,000

Register through ZSuite events

Questions: Pat McLaughlin, patm@illinois.edu

Illinois Extension Sport Fishing 4-H SPIN Club



Meeting Dates:
Saturdays, April
29, May 6, 13, 20, 27,
June 3, from 9-11 a.m.

Supplies Needed-Please bring to all meetings.

Rod and reel in good working condition with fresh line;
Size 4 Aberdeen Eagle Claw hooks;
Split shot and small bobbers;
Fingernail clippers or kids Fiskar scissors for cutting line;
Small needle nose pliers for hook removal;

If you are a bassmaster bring:

Weedless jigs with trailers, Plastic worms and spinnerbaits.
• **No lure with treble hooks will be used during this class.**

The first meeting will be April 29, from 9a.m. to 10a.m. at **Aledo Central Park**, followed by meetings located at various ponds around the area from 9 to 11am. Pond locations will be announced at the first meeting. Youth must have their own rides to the ponds each week. Open to 10 kids ages **8 to 15**. **Pre-register by April 15**. Supply fee is **\$10** and your cost of your own supplies, plus a \$20 program fee for non-4-H members. We provide the bait. Members are responsible for the supplies listed above. If you have any questions please call Tracy Pestle, Mercer County 4-H Coordinator, at (309) 513-3100. Current 4-H members pre-register through ZSuite by adding the Mercer County 4-H Fishing club to your profile using the link below. New 4-H members pre-register using the link below; Create an account; select the Mercer County 4-H Fishing club and pay the 4-H program fee at time of registration. If you have questions or problems contact Tracy Pestle at (309) 513-3100.

Current 4-H Members Register online at: <https://4h.zsuite.org/households>

New 4-H Members register online at: <https://4h.zsuite.org>

For questions or problems registering please contact Tracy Pestle; fowlerpe@illinois or 309-513-3100

*University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.
If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate call 309-582-5106 or email Tracy at fowlerpe@illinois.edu*

HENRY, MERCER, ROCK ISLAND, & STARK UNIT

email: uie-hmrs@illinois.edu
web: extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/

Rock Island County Office

321 W 2nd Ave
Milan, IL 61264

Phone: 309-756-9978; FAX: 309-756-9987

Henry/Stark Office

358 Front Street
Galva, IL 61434

Phone: 309-932-3447; FAX 309-932-3454

Mercer County Office

910 13th Street
Viola, IL 61486

Phone: 309-513-3100; FAX: 309-513-3101

Jenny Garner

County Director

jsgarnr@illinois.edu

Kristin Bogdonas

Extension Educator
Nutrition & Wellness
kmbogdo@illinois.edu

Russell Medley

Extension Educator
Community & Economic Development
rmedley@illinois.edu

Jennifer Peterson

Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development
jpetersn@illinois.edu

Emily Swihart

Extension Educator
Horticulture
eswhart@illinois.edu

Tracy Fowler-Pestle

Program Coordinator
Mercer 4-H
fowlerpe@illinois.edu

Teresa Kirwan

Program Coordinator
Ag-in-the-Classroom & 4-H
tkirwan@illinois.edu

McCala Crawford

Program Coordinator
Rock Island 4-H
mmmille@illinois.edu

Galva Office Hours

Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday

8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.

Viola Office Hours

Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday

8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.

Milan Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.



Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

The Rock Island County Pork Chop Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 27 at the Extension Office in Milan. It will be primarily drive-thru with an option for eating inside the office. We need help from Rock Island 4-H families to make this event successful. We are asking that at least two members from each club sign-up to help. There are two ways to participate in this event:

1. Make a dessert to go with the meal or a pie for the pie auction. Sign up for this can be done here: <https://form.jotform.com/230854375697167>
2. Volunteer to help package meals and deliver to cars on Thursday, April 27. Sign-up for those shifts here: <https://form.jotform.com/230854407551152>

Profits from this dinner go to the Rock Island 4-H Foundation. The Foundation supplies funds for awards, workshops, programs, clubs and any numerous other 4-H activities. Full event information can be found here:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2023-04-27-rock-island-county-4-h-pork-chop-dinner-fundraiser-0>

Helping with this dinner counts as a county-level community service activity. If you have any questions, please contact McCala or Becky Buckrop at (309) 756-9978.



Find us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/4HHenryCounty?ref=hl>

<https://www.facebook.com/StarkCounty4H?ref=hl>

Find us on Twitter:

https://twitter.com/HMRS_Counties4H

HMRS Counties 4-H

State · County · Local Groups · United States Department of Agriculture Cooperating University of Illinois provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

Programs and activities sponsored by University of Illinois Extension are open to anyone. If a special accommodation must be addressed in order for any individual to participate, please contact Jenny Garner at 309-932-3447 in advance of the event.