



October 2023

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

- Oct. 1 - County Award Apps
- Nov. 1 - State Scholarships
- Dec. 1 - Reenrollments

Events:

- October - ZSuite Opens
- Oct. 1-7 - National 4-H Week
- Oct. 7 - State Rifle
- Nov. 4-5, Jr Leadership Conference
- Nov. 4 - Livestock Skillathon
- Jan. 22 - 4-H Camp Registration Opens
- Feb. 19 - Speaking for IL 4-H Training

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Riggins Shafer, of Stark County, for placing 5th in the senior division of the State Archery Competition. Great job to everyone who participated in any of the three shoots and best of luck to those competing in the State Rifle Shoot on October 7 in Bloomington.



New Year Information

- Thanks to all clubs for getting secretary & treasurer books in by the deadline. Remember that financial statements must be turned in for your club to be active in the new year.
- ZSuite will open sometime in early October. Please wait for an official "it's open" email.
- Reenrollments should be in by **December 1**. New enrollments are due by **March 1**.
- Reminder that the new 4-H year still technically begins Sept 1., so that is still the date for 4-H age.
- Reminder to all screened volunteers: You are required to take the new ANCRA training. It is online here: learn.extension.illinois.edu/course/view.php?id=372



Spirit Week Activities By Day:

- Service Project Sunday
- Member Monday
- Time Machine Tuesday
- Why 4-H Wednesday
- Thankful Thursday
- Favorite Project Friday
- Spirit Saturday

Follow along and post your pictures and memories on our county Facebook pages.

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Club News and Notes



Rural Go-Getters Submitted by Riley Mackin

We started off the meeting voting for officers. We adjourned the meeting James' first and Henry's second. We had refreshments by Elec.

President—Megan Mackin

Vice President—Sawyer Kurtenbach

Secretary—Emma Steiger

Treasurer—Sladyn Kurtenbach

Reporter—Riley Mackin



Cambridge Champs Report Submitted by Jon Stevens

The meeting was called to order by President Miranda Reed. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the 4-H pledge. Roll call was taken. The treasurer report was read and approved. The secretary report was read and approved. We welcomed 1 new member to our club. In old business, we covered the 2023 Illinois State Fair Report. We also congratulated the members that represented our club and county. Mackenzie Peck was reserve champion for her project in corn crop. In new business, we elected our 2023-2024 officer team, discussed possible fundraisers, discussed the homecoming float on October 14. Then the meeting was adjourned.

President—Miranda Reed

Vice President—Jolene Blackert

Treasurer—Ruby Beam

Secretary—Adelyn Blade

Reporter—Jon Stevens

Historian—Ella Grant



Hamlet Handy Helpers Report Submitted by Mason Gray

The Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H Club held a meeting on September 10, 2023 to start the new 4-H year. Mason Gray called the meeting to order. Pledges were performed and roll call was taken. The treasurer's report was given. Members Elections will be held at our October meeting along with our weiner roast. Thank you to all our members who helped at our Annual BBQ fundraiser at Mercer Market. It was a huge success, and we thank Mercer Market for their continued support. National 4-H week is October 1st-7th, and we voted to put up a display. Zach gave a talk about his experience at showing at the Illinois 4-H State Fair. Last year was his first year in 4-H, and we are super proud of his efforts and success. Make sure to read the 4-H newsletter and apply for any upcoming awards. Leader, Brenda Close, read many correspondence letters to the members. Our next meeting will be held on October 1st, at 5:00pm at the Hamlet Hall. Meeting was adjourned.



Joy-Eliza Ag Report Submitted by Colton Reid

On September 10th, 2023 the Joy-Eliza Ag 4-H club held our first meeting. During the meeting we talked about the Community Center's Ice cream sundae fundraiser. We voted to buy ice cream toppings for the fundraiser and members are encouraged to help the day of. The Eliza Community Center Fund Fest will be held on September 30th from 11 am to 5 pm at the Eliza Community Center. Concluding that we voted on club officers, the positions for the 23-24 year are as follows:
President- Savannah McKay
Vice President- Aurora Fitchner
Secretary- Tyler Marlow
Reporter- Colton Reid
Treasurer- Kaylyn Stevenson
Historian- Hannah Sell.

Remember!

The state event news is now covered in a newsletter sent out by the state 4-H office. The latest one was sent on Sept. 27 and covers things like the livestock skill-a-thon, leadership conference, Youth Leadership Team, and other upcoming opportunities for state-level experiences.

Club News and Notes



4-H in the City Report Submitted by Carter Tharp

We held our 1st club meeting on Tuesday, September 12th. We talked about our Community Service Project at The Arsenal. We will host a clean-up and tour on Saturday, October 14th at 11:00 am. We are inviting other clubs to attend. We also talked about 4-H Week the week of October 1-7. We decided how to use the theme is "4-H Is a Feeling!" and where we would put up a display. Our leader Lori also reminded everyone about the Awards deadlines. The last part of our business meeting was electing officers. Our 2023-2024 Officers are:

President - Emily Herrick
Vice President - Olivia Boehle
Secretary - Noah Herrick
Reporter - Carter Tharp
Activity Leader - Maya Boehle
Pledge Leader - Nadiya Hernandez
Historian - Emily and Noah Herrick.

After our business meeting we did paint pouring. It was messy but fun!



Stark County Century Clovers Submitted by Logan Goerks

The Stark County Century Clovers had their first meeting of the new 4-H year on September 10th. First, a thank you was given to everyone who rode on the 4-H float for the Bradford Labor Day Parade. Riggins and Isley Shafer then gave a demonstration on how to do string art. Next officers were elected as follows:

President- Lauren Orwig and Logan Goerks
Secretary- Hailey Allen
Treasurer- Riggins Shafer
Reporter- Kaylee Goerks.

Federation Officers are:

President- Cole Kinsella and Kellen Wall
Secretary- Hailey Allen
Treasurer- Riggins Shafer.

Our kickoff meeting will be held on Sunday, October 8th at the Junior Fair Grounds. We will be having a hot dog roast, a scavenger hunt, and Barnyard Olympics. Please bring a chair if you have one.





NEWS & notes

Club Information

AWARDS

State Experience Awards - Due November 1

State awards are Diamond or Emerald level. Please use the tip sheet found on our website for help filling out the award application. These are due to your local office BEFORE November 1—follow individual county deadlines. If you'd like us to look them over prior to submission, please plan on getting them in at least a week in advance.

IL 4-H Scholarships - Due November 1

Open to youth ages 15-18. 5 \$1,000 scholarships available in each of 9 different categories. The categories are: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Arts & Communication, Gardening/Agriculture/Food Access, Healthy Living, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth, and STEM/Robotics. A tutorial video on the application is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0NVQVZ5oBQ>. Apply online at go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Scholarship applications go directly to the State Office when submitted. *Note: Scholarship applications require 2 recommendation forms.*

Sustaining the Future Award - Due January 31

The deadline for this award was pushed back from January 1. Sponsored by Farm Bureau. Open to youth 17-19. Winners get to attend the Farm Bureau Premier 20 Conference. Full information on applying can be found here:

<https://form.jotform.com/201686303129149>

A link to all award applications and individual county deadlines can be found on our website:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/4-h-programs>

Click on your county, scroll to the middle of the page and click on a box saying 4-H Awards & Recognition.

State Events

State/National Events happening in 2023-2024:

Junior Leadership Conference - November 4-5 in Decatur

Livestock Skill-a-thon - Saturday, November 4
Held at the Stock Pavilion on U of I Campus.

Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training—February 19, 2024

Upcoming Community Service:

4-H in the City has arranged a couple community service activities and all clubs are invited to participate. They are both for October.

- Saturday, October 12 @ 11 a.m.—Meet veterans at the Rock Island National Cemetery. Take a tour and then help with fall clean-up of flowers. For more info or to RSVP, contact Lori Tharp @ (309) 781-2824 or luvmissy65@aol.com
- Saturday, October 28 is First Responders Day. To participate, send your local first responders cards and/or treats. If you participate, send pictures for the newsletter.

If you or your club have community service ideas or activities that would benefit other groups, please send them in so we can spread the word.

How to Order Project Manuals

Project manuals are no longer ordered through the Extension Office. This is the link to order manuals:

<https://go.illinois.edu/ShopIL4H>

If you are unsure which manual to order, you can check the IL state 4-H website or contact your local office.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/projects>

If you have unused project manuals sitting at home that could be given to another 4-H member, please bring them to your local office.

NEW THIS YEAR

Here are some minor changes coming to projects and manuals in the 2023-2024 year:

- Aerospace 1 is back as a State Fair eligible project
- Theater Arts 2 is back as a project, and will be eligible for State Fair
- Passport to the World has a new project manual
- Journalism will have a new manual directed at ages 13 to 18.
- State newsletter—much of the state level opportunities and information will be emailed directly from the state. Look for that as a supplement to information in this newsletter.

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closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.

Milan Office Hours

Monday - Friday

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closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.



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