



September 2023

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

- Sept. 1 - Mercer Secretary & Treasurer Books
- Sept. 15 - RI/Henry/Stark Secretary & Treasurer Books
- Sept. 20 - State Club Awards
- Oct. 1 - County Award Apps
- Nov. 1 - State Scholarships
- Dec. 1 - Reenrollments

Events:

- Sept. 16 - State Archery
- Sept. 23 - State Shotgun
- Oct. 1 - ZSuite Opens
- Oct. 1-7 - National 4-H Week
- Oct. 7 - State Rifle



Congratulations to Megan DeLille and Faith Kuster on a successful State Horse Show. Megan won overall Western Horse and Versatility. Faith won dressage. Congrats also to those who won their classes including Iryss Balvanz, Jillian Demeyer, Anna Taylor, Olivia Desherow, and Kylie Foster—all of Rock Island County.



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New Year Information

- Secretary and Treasurer books are due by **September 1 (Mercer) & September 15 (Henry, RI, Stark)**. If you have a club checking or savings account, a financial statement is **REQUIRED**. There is a new form that was, or will be, sent to leaders. If you already turned in a statement, do not worry about submitting the new form. If this form is not submitted, your club will not be active in ZSuite for the new 4-H year.
- ZSuite will open around **October 1**. 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.

STATE CHAMPION

Youth from our counties had a great showing in the State Fair Champion Steer Drive. Congratulations to Kashen Ellerbrock, of Atkinson Boosters, who had Grand Champion Steer. Madelyn Nightingale, of Henry County, was selected as Reserve Champion. Kylie Gillespie of Stark County was 4th overall and Sam Nightingale, of Henry County, was 5th.

In other areas, Kenley Medley, of Henry County, received 3rd Overall Barrow and Logan Campbell, of Mercer County, received Reserve Champion Land of Lincoln barrow. Congratulations to all!

For a full listing of livestock results visit:
<https://statefair.illinois.gov/competitions/competitionresults.html>

Club News and Notes



Congratulations to everyone who showed at the State Fair general projects show on Sunday, August 13. We had a great group of youth representing our counties. Each exhibit class gives out a champion, reserve and inspire award. A special shout-out goes to those who won one of those top awards.

Champion Award Winners:

Henry County:

Alexander Attig—Rock Hounds 1
Jack Gehling—Tractor B
Matthew Krause—Corn
Drake Nightingale—Intermediate Visual Programming
Hailey Olson—Tractor C
Abigail Wolf—Intermediate Food Decorating

Mercer County:

Jonah Hays—Aerospace Display

Rock Island County:

Olivia Boehle—Health 3
Dalton Carls—Photography 1
Caelen Fuhr—Wildlife 1
Logan Heick—Rock Hounds 2
Olivia Heick—Entomology Display
Alaina Heim—Welding
Augustus Larkins—Natural Resources 2

Stark County:

Logan Goerks—Natural Resources 3

Inspire Award Winners:

Henry County:

Grace Conrad—Cooking 201: Scones
Chloe Finch—Visual Arts: Metal
Madelyn Oltman—Photography 2

Mercer County:

Amelia Bennett—Visual Arts: Chalk/Carbon/Pigment B
Peyton Jaminet—Visual Arts: Wood
Katheryne Jungmann—Visual Arts: 3-D Mixed Media

Rock Island County:

Nick Gorbach—Family Heritage
Jimmy Nelson—Small Engines

Reserve Champion Award Winners:

Henry County:

Max Gehling—Robotics 2
Olivia Krause—Health 2
Connor Leuck—Leadership 1
Mackenzie Peck—Corn
Corben Strand—Woodworking 2

Mercer County:

Charles Cox—Electricity 1
Colby Cox—Woodworking 3
Ingrid Hays—Floriculture C
Reagan Shike—Visual Arts: Nature
Aysha Sloan—Forests of Fun 1

Rock Island County:

Maya Boehle—Weather 3
Matthew Gorbach—Intermediate Visual Programming
Noah Herrick—Passport to the World
Carter Tharp—Civic Engagement 3

Stark County:

Hailey Lane—Beginning Food Decorating
Norah Rorem—Beginning Interior Design

Thank you

Below are a couple notes from Mercer County clubs and leaders:

The Saddle Teens 4-H Club greatly appreciated everyone who donated food and patronized our lunch stand at the Mercer County Horse Show. - The Saddle Teens Club

I would like to thank the Foundation and everyone who came to the open house celebrating my 50 years of leadership.

I am so honored and touched by so many words of kindness and support. I am so blessed.

Making the Best Better,

Joyce Smith (Saddle Teens Leader)

(Joyce was celebrated during the Mercer County Fair for her 50 years of service. Congratulations, Joyce and thank YOU!)



NEWS & notes

Club Information

AWARDS

Club Award - Due September 20

Club awards often go unclaimed due to lack of entries. This could be your club's time to get recognized for all the work you put in throughout the year. Return applications to your local office.

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.

County Experience Awards - Due Early October

If you aren't quite ready for the state-level experience award, you can apply for the Bronze, Silver or Gold levels awarded locally. It is the same application, but follow the scoring rubric for the level in which you are applying. The tip sheet will still be helpful.

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.

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.



State Shoots

Interested participants can register themselves for the state shoots via ZSuite events. You must have been enrolled in a 4-H shooting sports club during the 2022-2023 year and be 12 years of age to enter.

Archery—Saturday, September 16 @ Pekin Archers; 9 a.m.

Shotgun—Saturday, September 23 @ Brittany Shooting Park—Bunker Hill, IL. 9 a.m.

Rifle—Saturday, October 7 @ Central Illinois Precision Shooters—Bloomington, IL. 9 a.m.

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.



NEWS & notes

Wrap-up and New Year

Thanks for a great Summer!

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.

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

Legislative Connection - Two dates will be selected between March & May 2023. Any youth who is trained in Speaking for IL 4-H will be invited to attend.

State Public Speaking Contest - April 27, 2024

State Robotics—April 20 (Tentative)

4-H Camp Registration—Opens to 4-H Youth on January 22

National Day of Service—April 26, 2024



A Note for Volunteers:

The Child Protection course you all completed as part of the screening process was updated in the last few months. The University will be requiring all screened volunteers to take the new version. More information about this will be coming at future leader meetings. Sorry to those who did 5 year rescreeens last fall. We appreciate all of you and thank you for hanging in with all the changes each year!

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closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.

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Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday

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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

HALL OF FAME



Congratulations to Lynn Schroeder on her induction into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame at the State Fair on August 13. Lynn is a valued leader of the Rural True Blues and Rock Island volunteer.

Congratulations, also, to Steve Ausmus who was inducted for his work with Mercer County. Steve has made an impact in both Mercer and Rock Island as the goat superintendent and leader of the goat SPIN club.

We are glad to have both these individuals as part of the 4-H team!

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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.