



November 2023

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

- Nov. 1 - State Scholarships
- Dec. 1 - Reenrollments
- Dec. 15 - Hunger Hero Totals

Events:

- 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 the State Champion Henry/Stark livestock judging team on a successful trip to the American Royal in Kansas City. The team placed 2nd overall and qualified to judge internationally in Ireland and Scotland. The team members are Sam Nightingale, Slone Windish, Kylie Gillespie and Kashen Ellerbrock. See our Facebook page for a full listing of their individual achievements at the contest.

Enrollment Information

- ZSuite is now open for enrollments @ 4h.zsuite.org
- 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.
- Families enrolling more than 3 members will not be allowed to pay via credit card until a 4th child waiver is applied. Your program coordinator will let you know when it is applied and you can go back in and pay by CC.
- **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

Shooting Sports Thank You

All county shooting sports programs had generous donations or grants in the 2022-2023 4-H Year. That support keeps the programs running at reasonable costs to families.

- The Stark County Shooting Sports Club would like to thank the NRA for the supplies provided through their grant program. The ammo and equipment helped the archery, shotgun & rifle disciplines run throughout the year.
- The Rock Island program also thanks the NRA for supplies through the grant program that helped the shotgun discipline.
- Henry County Shooting Sports would like to thank Whitetails Unlimited for their support of the archery program and providing awards for an ending exhibition.

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Club News and Notes

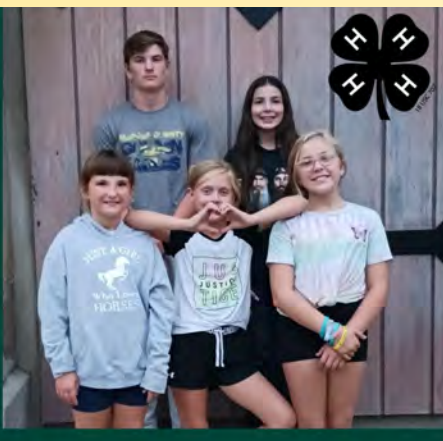


Joy-Eliza Ag Report Submitted by Colton Reid

On October 8th, 2023, the Joy-Eliza Ag 4-H club held a meeting. The Ice cream fundraiser for the Eliza Community center was a huge success. For National 4-H week we set up a display at Sell's corner. (Shown in Photo below) Everyone at the meeting received their folder for the new 4-H registration year. The Cloverbuds had an activity with a pumpkin catapult. We had 4 talks or demos this month. Colby Cox gave a talk on types of wood stain, Savannah McKay had a demo showing the basics of canning, Kaylynn Stevenson gave a talk on horse safety, and Aurora Fitchner gave a talk on the digestive system of swine.



4-H members from Rock Island, Henry & Mercer Counties attended their county board meetings in October to present them with cookies and talk about their 4-H experiences. The presentations were to thank the board for their support. All the kids did a GREAT job sharing their 4-H story.



Attendees from Rock Island were Bethany Prialux, Emma Steiger, Abby Yoder and Bailey Callahan. Henry County presenters were Chloe Finch, Faith Kuster and Corben Strand. Representing Mercer County was Mason Gray, Tamryn

Parker, Lily Miller, Jocelyn Erickson and Jasmine Ferkles.

Edgington Go-Getters Report Submitted by Lylah Franks

The Edgington Go Getters 4-H Club held their first meeting of the year on October 15, 2023. Laikyn Parchert called the meeting to order. The club preformed the 4-H pledge and Pledge of Allegiance. Current members introduced themselves to the new members. We are excited to have four new members to add to our club this year! We then held club officer elections they were elected as follows:

President: Laikyn Parchert
Vice President: Klay Goodnight
Secretary: Laney Keller
Treasurer: Olivia Freyermuth
Report: Lylah Franks

After the elections we discussed enrollment as well as talks and demonstrations for the year. Lastly, we took part in making a craft, which was Indian corn made of pipe cleaners and beads. We are looking forward to a great year of 4-H!



Club News and Notes



Burns Boosters Report Submitted by Chloe Finch

In our meeting, we went over old business. Our old business consisted of comments about the Henry County and Illinois State Fairs. The Burns Boosters had a great showing at the Henry County Fair. Several went on to compete at the Illinois State Fair with Corben Strand receiving Reserve Champion Woodworking 2, Chloe Finch earning an Inspire Award for her Visual Arts Metal project and Grace Conrad earning an Inspire Award for Cooking 2.

Our new business consisted of club t-shirts and 4-H registration. We have a design committee consisting of Chloe Ruhl, Summit Quart, Lily Wigant, and Chloe Finch to design the shirts.

Aside from the meeting, we discussed new members and the officer team for the 2023-2024 4-H year. We had seven new members who attended the meeting. Six participate in 4-H and two are Cloverbuds.

The club voted for our 2023-2024 officers. They are:

Chloe Finch - Reporter

Jake Conrad - Vice President

Sage Kaiser - Treasurer

Chloe Ruhl - President

Lily Wigant - Secretary

We also accepted two checks from Pastor Rebecca of the Galva and Bishop Hill United Methodists Churches. The first check is from the church bake sale during Ag Days, and the second check is from the Youth Activities Auction which our club helped with.

Some history of Burn's Boosters 4-H Club:

According to "The People's History of Burns Township," "Burns Booster's 4-H Club was organized in 1934, with 16 members." Coming upon 2024, Burns Booster's 4-H Club, the oldest club in Henry County, will be ninety years old!



Stark County Century Clovers Submitted by Logan Goerks

The Stark County Century Clovers had their Kickoff meeting for the new 4H year on Sunday, October 8th. After the meeting we had a scavenger hunt, barnyard Olympics, and a hotdog roast. There were many new people at the meeting that we hope to see back. Harvest baskets were delivered by Hailey Allen, Lauren Orwig, and Kellen Wall to elevators at Rumbold & Kuhn, River Valley, and RVF Feed Division. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12th. We will be collecting canned and boxed goods for the food pantry to help through the holiday season.



AWARDS

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.



NEWS & notes

Club Information

4-H in the City Submitted by Carter Tharp

We had our meeting on October 10, 2023. We welcomed a new member. We started the meeting off with new business and announcements. We set club goals. We talked about our upcoming arsenal community service projects and picked a theme for our Christmas Tree. We will be making snow-related ornaments. We also signed up for our presentations. After the meeting concluded, each member led a Halloween themed game or experiment. The games included a scavenger hunt, ring the pumpkin, pumpkin toss, and a drawing game. We also made a craft and watched an oozing pumpkin. Lori had us guess the weight of a pumpkin. Whoever guessed correctly got to keep it.



Congratulations



Congratulations to the Saddle Teens for winning the 2023 National 4-H Week display contest in Mercer County!

The Alexis All Stars were the contest runner-up.



Third place went to the Peppy Partners. All the displays did a great job promoting 4-H!



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



MERCER TEEN FEDERATION

Are you interested in Entrepreneurship, exploring careers, colleges, or the skilled trades?

Join the Mercer County Teen Federation!

- Federation's focus this year will be exploring local career and college opportunities. Federation meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month

Next Meeting Details:

Date: November 20

Time: 6:30 AM

Location: YMCA in Aledo

If you have additional questions about the Teen Federation, contact Tracy at the Viola office or fowlerpe@illinois.edu.



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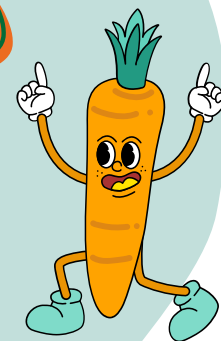
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MERCER COUNTY

4-H HUNGER HEROES FOOD DRIVE



Illinois Extension

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November 1 - December 15, 2023

BE A 4-H HUNGER FIGHTING SUPER HERO!

Become a 4-H Hunger Hero and save the day for your neighbors in need!

Join forces with other 4-H Clubs to tackle the rising hunger crisis in Mercer County. The need for food assistance has risen by 35%, but food banks are facing a decrease in donations by up to 29%! Over 1,300 of our neighbors face food insecurity. Join the 4-H Food Squad and be the hero our neighbor's need to battle hunger close to home.

YOUR CLUB'S MISSION:

Your mission is to collect five types of essential items to save the day!

1. **Fruits** : Collect a can of fruit for strength and health.
2. **Veggies**: Grab a can of vegetables for a balanced diet.
3. **Grains**: Gather a grain, like rice, pasta, oats, or cereal, for energy.
4. **Protein**: Pick up a protein-packed item like peanut butter, or a can of tuna, chicken, beans, soup, etc. to provide essential nutrients.
5. **Basics**: Donate a staple like toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.

SAVE THE DAY!

Document Your Heroic Deeds: Take a photo of your 4-H Hunger Hero team in action, showing off your collected items. Count them and report your haul to your 4-H Program Coordinator. **Deliver your collected items** to a local food pantry of your choice, and make a real impact in your community!



COMPETE FOR HEROIC HONORS & WIN!

This is a unit-wide food drive between all 4-H Club in Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, and Stark. The 4-H Club that collects the most items **will earn Club Shirts for all of its members!** Let's show our surrounding counties that Mercer County 4-H is a true difference maker!

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Scribbles and Scrawl



Fall into 4-H!



The entire 4-H staff wishes you and yours a very happy Thanksgiving. We are thankful for all of our members, volunteers, parents and friends who allow the program to continue and thrive.

—Jennifer, Elaine, Tracy, McCala & Kristen

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