



JUNE 2024

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

- June 1 - Mercer & RI Fair Entries
- June 15 - State Horse Entries
- July 1 - Stark Fair Entries
- July 15 - State Livestock Entries

Events:

- June 14 - Mercer BBQ
- June 15-Henry General Projects
- June 17-23 - Henry Fair
- July 2 - RI Fair Set Up
- July 8-14 - Mercer Fair
- July 13-21 - Rock Island Fair
- July 26-29 - Stark Fair
- August 9 - State Fair
- August 24 - State Dog Show

Stark County Shooting Sports



Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the Henry County 4-H Foundation Scholarship winners and the Stark County Scholarship winners. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

Henry County:

- Rachel DeRycke—Kewanee King Pins
- Trent Chamberlain—Geneseo Jr Leaders
- Abigail Frank—Atkinson Boosters
- Miranda Reed—Cambridge Champs

Stark County:

- Logan Goerks
- Kylie Gillespie



Shooting Sports Exhibition

The Stark County Shooting Sports club recently held exhibitions in archery and shotgun. Winners in each category were:

Archery—Junior Division

- 1st—Julia Kronner
- 2nd—Johnathan Horsley
- 3rd—David Horsley

Archery—Senior Division

- 1st—Riggens Shafer, compound
- 2nd—Austin Haga, compound
- 3rd—CJ Richards, recurve

Shotgun—Junior Division

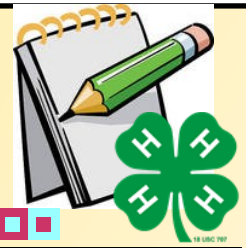
- 1st—Jonah Janey
- 2nd—Alex King
- 3rd—Gavin Smith

Shotgun—Senior Division

- 1st—Tanner Price
- 2nd—Jaxon Janey
- 3rd—LJ Janey



Club News and Notes



Rural Go Getters Report Submitted by Riley Mackin

We started off with a regular meeting. The Rock Island queens came and talked about how it all started. Ashlyn told us about the things she has done. Chesney also talked about what she likes and has done. We said sold 930 flowers. Elec had a talk about showing his horse. Kenadi talked about her horse and that she likes showing it at the fair. Greyson got the first adjourn and Will was second. Will and Henry brought refreshments.

Joy-Eliza Ag Club Report Submitted by Colton Reid

On April 14th, 2024 the Joy-Eliza Ag 4-H club held their meeting. The club is in charge of serving at the 4-H BBQ on June 1st from 5-7 PM. The club is going to be buying flowers for the Eliza Community center, they will be planted at the next meeting. There is a clover bud day that will be on June 22nd. Jake Marlow gave a talk on goat nutrition, Kendall Cox had a talk on how to make pudding and Elise Stevenson had a talk on caring for newborn rabbits.

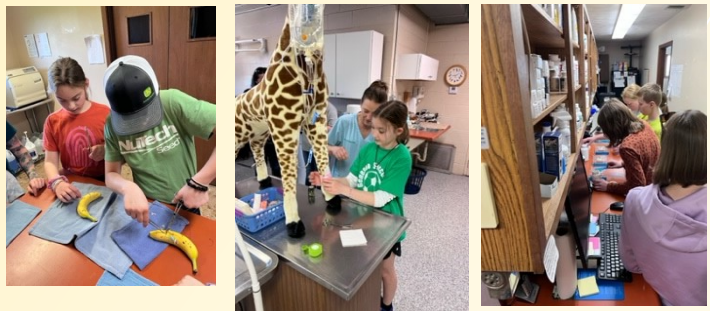
4-H in the City Report Submitted by Carter Tharp

This month we set up a meeting with Senator Halpin. We spoke about 4-H and our experiences, what we have learned, and projects we have done. He shared his daily life as a Senator, and his job responsibilities.

We also went to QC Paws and took a tour of the facility. We swept and mopped the cat room and helped unwrap newspapers. Finally, we went to the cat room and played with the cats. Going to QC Paws taught us the importance of pet care and volunteering.

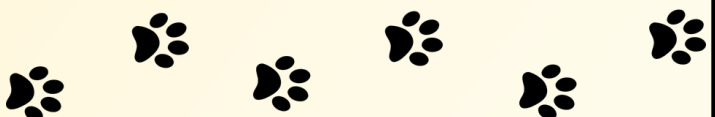
Geneseo Jr Leaders Report Submitted by Amelia Anderson

On Saturday April 13, 2024 the Geneseo Junior Leaders got a vet clinic tour as their activity of the month. At the clinic the kids learned about what a vet might do every day. There were fun activities to do. The 3 main activities were sorting m&ms into pill jars. Inserting food coloring into bananas. The liquid came back out at us a little bit. The final thing was using a banana and sewing it together with real string that can go into a cat or dog. The first activity was in the pharmacy. The second was in the exam room. The third was in the pre operation room. This was a cool experience!!!



The Geneseo Jr Leader's May meeting had four talks and demos. They were all a success! Dean W did a talk on trains. Robin D did a talk on how to make a jump rope out of old t-shirts. Sidney R did a talk about blending for art, and Luke S did a talk on steam engine tractors. All of the talks were great!

Also, the club signed up to help clean the canal 4 times a year. We chose to do one of the clean ups this month. We split up into 2 groups and found a lot of disgusting stuff.



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Burns Boosters Report Submitted by Chloe Finch



Burns Boosters held their May Meeting 5-12-24. Prior to the meeting, State Arborist Shane Kaiser led the club on a nature hike around Bishop Hill to learn types and benefits of trees. Kaiser also taught members how to estimate the height and circumference of a tree.

Old business consisted of reviews from volunteering at the Swedish Stomp in Bishop Hill, IL, for the 4-H National Day of Service. As

well as reminders to sign up for the 4-H Fair, the 4-H Food Stand on June 22, and we discussed any news on club shirts. New business consisted of meeting dates. We plan to have a meeting sometime in June likely revolving around our food stand day. The following meeting will be during September when the new 4-H year begins.

We then had talks and demonstrations.



Teen teachers is coming back in the 2024-2025 4-H year. The details are still being ironed out, but we are looking for youth ages 13+ who want to be part of this leadership group.

As part of this group, you will learn how to be an effective leader, create and deliver curriculum, develop your communication skills and plan unit-wide events.

The group is open to participants from Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Stark. To start, meetings will primarily be held in the Milan office, but we can adjust based on group needs. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to September.

If you want to be put on a list for more information, contact Jennifer or Elaine. Jennifer (jpetersn@illinois.edu), Elaine (kaple@illinois.edu)

Hamlet Handy Helpers Submitted by Zach Icenogle

The Hamlet Handy Helpers held their monthly meeting on May 5, 2024 at the Hamlet Hall. President, Mason Gray, called the meeting to order. Pledges were led by Collins Greer. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Reminder that fair entries are due by June 1st. Two of our college members, Megan Gray and Ryley Zippe, received the Patti Jeanne Higgins Scholarship. Collins gave a presentation on her tortoise, Mason gave a talk on preparing sheep for the fair, and Mitchell and Natalie gave a talk on their chickens. There are several service opportunities: placing flags at the Aledo Cemetery for Memorial Day and donating to the Mercer County 4-H Alumni Senior Supply Project. The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be Sunday, May 5th, at 5pm at the Hamlet Hall.



Mercer Teen Federation

The Teen Federation meeting started at 6:34 PM on May 20th, 2024 in the College Avenue Presbyterian Church. We talked about updates with installing a Little Food Pantry near Mercer Market for our unfinished business. As for new business, we approved writing a check for expenses for the upcoming BBQ on the 14th of June, agreed upon a time to meet at the fire station to start setting up and serve as runners for the BBQ, and lastly we approved an expense to sponsor the Archery club's facility use this year. We adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM. Our next meeting will be held before the BBQ.



NEWS & notes

Club Information

State Fair Livestock Entries

Horses - Entries for the state horse show are due to Stephanie Hardy at the Illinois State Fair by **June 15**. Entry forms must be accompanied by ownership/lease/registration papers and color photos of each horse being entered. Entry forms must also be signed by a member of your local 4-H Extension staff. Entry forms can be found at the Illinois State Fair website.

<https://statefair.illinois.gov/competitions/competitive-events/equine-events.html>

Livestock - Livestock entries are due to the Illinois State Fair by **July 15**. Entries are now done via ShoWorks. All information for how to place entries is available on the state fair website. Tickets and parking passes will also be purchased through the state fair website. All fees for entries and tickets must be paid via credit card. They will not be accepting cash or check. Questions should be directed to the state fair office.

<https://statefair.illinois.gov/competitions/competitive-events/livestock-events.html>

Dogs—Those who qualify for, and want to attend, the state dog show will be registered through the Extension office. We need to know your intent to participate before August 1.

Mercer County Goat Exhibitors

As we gear up for the upcoming fair, we would like to inform all goat exhibitors of the essential arrangements for setting up the goat barn. Your participation and assistance are vital to ensure a smooth and successful event.

You will be notified of the specific date and time allocated for setting up the goat barn closer to the fair. Your presence and help during this period are required to facilitate the setup process effectively. In the event that you are unable to assist on the designated day of setup, it is your responsibility to arrange for a substitute to take your place.

Your cooperation and commitment to their endeavor is greatly appreciated. Together we can make this year's fair a memorable and enjoyable experience for all involved.

You can contact the Mercer Extension office with questions or concerns.

Magical Muggles Report Submitted by Cecilia Holder

On Monday, May 20th, Magical Muggles met for their monthly meeting. We played volleyball for our Healthy Living activity. We talked about our Passport to the World group project. We will be putting our display board together at our next meeting. We looked at how to enter our projects for the fair because all projects have to be entered by June 1st. The next day two of our members presented the money from our Community Dinner to the Community & Learning Center. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, June 29th at 9:30am.



Livestock Ethics Trainings

If you are showing **Dogs, Cats, Horses, Rabbits, Poultry:**

- You are required to complete [Quality Assurance & Ethics](#)
- Complete **once** in your 4-H career
- Training is free and found on ZSuite. Log-in to your account and click on the Clover Academy in your dashboard.
- Please complete by **May 1**.

If you are showing **Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Swine:**

- You are required to complete [YQCA](#)
- This training is required yearly
- Available online for \$12 here: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>



Warren County Judging Contest

When: Saturday, June 8; Registration @ 8am; Contest @ 9am

Where: Warren County Fairgrounds in Roseville, IL

Cost: \$3/person

Contact: Angel Wright at angiew@illinois.edu or Lynn Shimmin at (309) 224-1469.

Advanced registration requests should be emailed to Angel.

Junior division is ages 8-13 and senior ages 14-18 as of Jan. 1

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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

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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

Welcome to summer!

It doesn't seem possible that we are already at fair time. Please watch out for any deadlines or schedule changes as things tend to move quick through the summer. The 4-H staff is not in the office much over the next few weeks. If you have urgent questions, please call the office. They will relay your questions and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

We look forward to seeing many of you soon—and seeing all your wonderful projects!



-Jennifer, Elaine, Tracy, & Kristen

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