



Hamilton County Clover News

Fall Festival Parade

Hamilton County 4-H plan to enter a float in the Fall Festival parade again this year. The theme is "Service Brings Freedom". I have asked Jewell Wilson to help us as she has several veterans uniforms. We plan to put the float together at the floral hall on Tuesday, September 3 after school. Please plan to attend and bring ideas.

We will also need walkers on Saturday for the parade.



International Night Planned

Mark your calendars for an evening of fun and learning. Once again this year 4-H will partner with HCE for the annual International Night. Tuesday, September 17 4-H clubs will need to be ready to exhibit their projects beginning with Barbwire Gang at 4:30, Funny Farmers at 4:45, Pioneer County Kids at 5:00 and Piopolis Busy Bees at 5:15. The booths will open to the public at 5:30. All displays need to be set up and ready by 4:30 so there is no commotion while each club is being judged. HCE will have a project for youth to participate in while other clubs are being judged. Remember you can make posters, serve food or drinks from your country, wear clothes representative of your country, use your imagination! Plan to stick around to learn about Malaysia, enjoy a meal and listen to a speaker. Remember if you stick around it counts as county event partnering with another organization.

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Federation Meeting Scheduled

The next Federation meeting will be held Tuesday, August 27 at 3:30. This meeting will be to finalize plans for Fall Festival Parade and talk about Haunted Trail. Please plan to join us!



JOIN THE TEAM. CHANGE THE WORLD.



Hamilton County 4-H Livestock Results

Goat – Doe Grand Champion	Lyla Mefford
Goat – Doe Reserve Champion	Gracie Walker
Goat – Wether Grand Champion	Lyla Mefford
Goat – Wether Reserve Champion	Brody Bilderbeck
Sheep – Ewe Grand Champion	Gracie Walker
Sheep – Ewe Reserve Champion	Brody Bilderbeck
Sheep – Wether Grand Champion	Gracie Walker
Sheep – Wether Reserve Champion	Shiloh Willis
Swine – Gilt Grand Champion	Gavin Douglass
Swine – Gilt Reserve Champion	Isabella Halley
Swine – Barrow Grand Champion	Hallie Woodrow
Swine – Barrow Reserve Champion	Brody Bilderbeck
Beef – Steer Grand Champion	Cecelia Lueke
Beef – Steer Reserve Champion	Granger Wilson
Beef – Female Grand Champion	Cecelia Lueke
Beef – Female Reserve Champion	Isabella Halley
Bucket Calf – Grand Champion	Harper Schumacher

Livestock Showmanship/Best Overall Junior

Gracie Walker

Livestock Showmanship/Best Overall Senior

Brody Bilderbeck

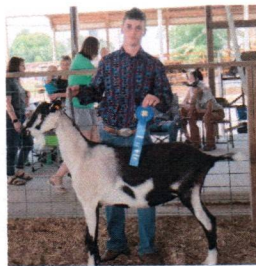
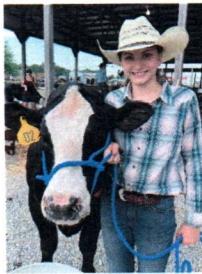
Buckles

Rabbit

Delaney Carlton

Poultry

Gracie Walker



Trophies

Dog	Shiloh Willis
Cat	Shiloh Willis
Small Pets	Shiloh Willis

4-H Princess

Fin Barrow

4-H Prince

AJ Schumacher



Hamilton County 4-H Poultry Show

The Hamilton County 4-H Poultry show was held on Thursday, June 13, 2024. Judge Mike Wilson was very impressed by the quality of chickens presented. Twenty-eight poultry projects were exhibited. Gracie Walker was presented Grand Champion with her market pen of three chickens and Reserve Champion was presented to Granger Wilson with eggs. Great job exhibitors!



Hamilton County 4-H Rabbit Show

The Hamilton County 4-H Rabbit show was held on Thursday, June 13, 2024. Seventeen rabbit projects were exhibited. Congratulations to Delaney Carlton as she exhibited the Grand Champion rabbit with her Pen of 3, and Gracie Walker for receiving Reserve Grand Champion with her heavyweight. Judge Mike Wilson praised the members for taking excellent care of their rabbits. Congratulations to all our exhibitors!



Hamilton County 4-H Dog, Cat, and Small Pets Show

The Hamilton County 4-H Small Pet, Dog, and Cat Shows were held on Thursday, June 13, 2024. Several gathered to watch our 4-H members participate in the show. We had three dogs, three cats, and two small pets exhibited. Best of Show Small Pet, Best of Show Cat, and Best of Show Dog were all awarded to Shiloh Willis. The crowd enjoyed watching the members exhibit and share their knowledge about their projects. Thank you to Lucille Schlabach for judging our show.



General Projects Show State Fair Selections

Brooklin Durbin	Child Development
Jonathon Showalter	Clothing & Textiles
Gracie Walker	Electricity
Blu Barrow	Family Heritage
Leah Bowling	Food Preservation
Cecelia Lueke	Yeast Bread
Shiloh Willis	Focaccia Bread
Reese Wilkerson	French Bread
Skylynn Tolbert	Cereal Bars
Brinkley Sutton	Nut Bread
Hayden Davis	Chocolate Cake
Gracie Walker	Floriculture
Shiloh Willis	Floriculture
Shiloh Willis	Horticulture
Granger Wilson	Horticulture
Harper Schumacher	Horticulture
Emilee Cox	Interior Design
Gracie Walker	Interior Design
Benji Bernard	Natural Resources
Granger Wilson	Natural Resources
Shiloh Willis	Photography
Emilee Cox	Photography
Emma Hood	Photography
Aydan Hood	Robotics
Corbyn Hood	Robotics
Emma Hood	Robotics
Emilee Cox	Small Engines
Nomie Rawls	Vet Science
Emma Hood	Video
Shiloh Willis	Food Decorating
Lainey Davis	Food Decorating
Gracie Walker	Visual Art CCP
Shiloh Willis	Visual Arts CCP
Emilee Cox	ALT Visual Arts CCP
Shiloh Willis	Visual Arts Clay
Bella Smith	ALT Visual Arts Clay
Emilee Cox	Visual Arts Comp Gen
Laynna Wilson	Visual Arts Fiber
Brynnleigh Mendoza	Visual Arts Glass/Plastic
Harper Schumacher	Visual Arts Glass/Plastic
Serenity Smith	Visual Arts Heritage Arts
Shiloh Willis	ALT Visual Arts Heritage

Serenity Smith
Laynna Wilson
Lyla Mefford
Shiloh Willis
Emma Hood
Granger Wilson

Visual Arts Metal
ALT Visual Arts Metal
Visual Arts Nature
ALT Visual Arts Nature
Visual Arts Scrapbook
Visual Arts Mixed Media 3-D



Best of Show 2024

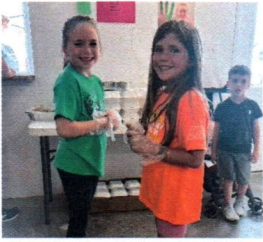
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Drive Thru Pork Chop Dinner Success

The Hamilton County 4-H Foundation tried something new this year by switching the Pork Chop Dinner to a drive thru. What a great success! Simply overwhelming how many tickets were sold and the amount of help to pull it off.

We had a great crew in the foods stand serving up the meals, making potatoes and green beans, gravy and serving. Thank to Sweat Evalina BBQ for making the chops. It was so much easier with not having to set up tables and chairs and haul the roasters and crockpots. We will plan to do drive thru only again next year!



Illinois State Fair Skill a thon

Congratulations to Gracie Walker for winning the Supreme Overall Champion! High Individual in Sheep, 2nd in Swine and 3rd in Beef.



Illinois State Fair Exhibitors

Congratulations to members who represented Hamilton County at the Illinois State Fair.

Results were

Grand Champion

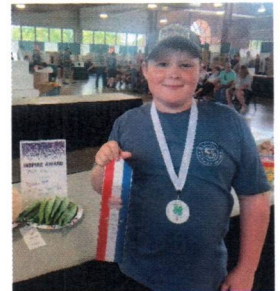
Emilee Cox Plants and Soils
Emma Hood Video

Inspire Award

Lainey Davis Food Decorating
Corbyn Hood Robotics 1
Aydan Hood Robotics 2
Gracie Walker Electricity 3
Shiloh Willis Food Decorating
Granger Wilson Vegetable Plate

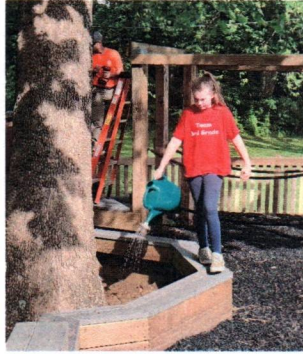
Participant

Hayden Davis Cooking 301
Nomie Rawls Vet Science
Johnathon Showalter Clothing 1



4-H Members Help with Kids Kingdom Clean Up!

Several 4-H members from Hamilton County assisted with the Kids Kingdom Clean up this summer. Thanks to everyone that helped in any way!



Mum Pick Up Scheduled

Thank you to everyone that sold mums. It was a great fundraiser and the mums are beautiful. Remember you need to either pick up the ones that you sold or have the people who bought from you pick them up at the GIFT Garden on Monday, September 16 from 3:30p.m. till 5:00p.m. If you can not be there please make sure you talk to Paula and make special arrangements.

Hamilton County 4-H Phone Photography



Join our 4-H Photography Workshop! Bring your smartphone and learn composition, lighting, and techniques to capture amazing photos..

**September 10th 4-6 pm @
Hamilton Co. Extension Office**
Contact the Extension Office to sign up: (618) 643-3416



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4-H'ers to be Honored at Achievement Night

The annual Achievement Night program will be held Monday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hamilton County Courthouse basement. Make plans to join us for an evening of fun as leaders, members and Clover Buds are recognized. Several awards and recognition will be given to deserving individuals. Please bring a finger type food to share. The annual 4-H slide show should prove to be entertaining for all as we review the past year and a blast from the past.



Opportunity to Exhibit Projects

Hamilton County Home and Community Education will once again sponsor a Cultural Arts Show during the Fall Festival. There are Adult and Youth categories and you can enter more than one project. The categories are;

1. Photography
2. Arts & Crafts
3. Paintings/Drawings
4. Quilts
5. Afghans (Knit or Crochet)
6. Any other knit or crochet
7. All Other Handiwork

Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, September 3 from noon till 4. Entries are open to anyone in Hamilton County not just 4-H or HCE members.

All exhibitors, youth and adult will each get \$5 Chamber Bucks. They can be redeemed at any Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce Business and spent just like cash!



Successful Garden and Cooking Classes

The summer series of Garden and Cooking classes wrapped up the end of July. We had a great year and hopefully youth learned a life skill in gardening and cooking. Only had a few small finger cuts so I consider that successful! Congratulations to everyone that exhibited projects.



Fall Décor Workshop Planned

Do you love fall and all the beautiful colors? Mark your calendar for an after school activity to create a piece of fall décor for your home or room. We plan to meet from 4:00 till 6:00 p.m. in the courthouse basement on October 8. These workshops are free and all 4-H members are invited. You can bring a friend one time but if they want to come more often they will need to join 4-H. Watch for more information on what we will be making in then next couple weeks.

We plan to hold a 4-H workshop every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Let me know if you have a special request of what you would like to learn about.



Hamilton County 4-H Hosts Farm Follies

4-H members, parents, leaders, volunteers, and spectators gathered at the 4-H Barn on the evening of Thursday, June 13, 2024 to participate in the annual Farm Follies games. Approximately 65 eager 4-H members and adults competed in various events. Thank you to all our participants and the Hamilton County Farm Bureau Young Leaders for sponsoring the event!

Dice Game

1st – Blu Barrow

Feed Sack Race

1st – 8 years and younger – Fin Barrow

1st – 9 years and older – Brody Bilderbeck

Musical Feed Sacks

1st – 8 years and younger – Mayla Cunico

1st – 9 years and older – Brody Bilderbeck

Egg Toss

1st - Granger Wilson and Harper Schumacher

3 – Legged Race

1st – 8 years and younger – Harper Schumacher and Lyla Mefford

1st – 9 years and older – Brody Bilderbeck and Grace Walker

Wheelbarrow Race

1st - Michele Lueke and Isabella Halley

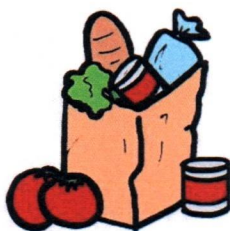


Records Due

Just a quick reminder that all 4-H end of the year records are due September 4. If you feel you will qualify to apply for Diamond or Emerald those are not due until November 1. Just make sure you get a Gold by September 4 and we can update before November deadline. Also all audited financial statements are due and secretary books.

Blessing Box Needs Restocked

Thank you to Emilee Cox and Calvin for repairing and repainting the Blessing Box



at the GIFT Garden. It has been used a lot lately and is very low right now. If you would like to donate any non-perishable food items or hygiene items that would be greatly appreciated. If you donate just let me or Kathy know so we can get it recorded. This would be a great time to get some county wide community service to list on your records.

Community Service Opportunity

This school supply drive will count as a unit wide community service activity. You can turn in your donation at the Hamilton County Extension office by September 1 and we will get them delivered. Remember Brownsville serves Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline and White Counties youth.



UNIT WIDE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



For Brownsville School

Serving students from Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline, and White Counties



- WASHABLE MARKERS
- DAUBERS
- CLOROX WIPES
- LYSOL SPRAY
- KLEENEX
- BABY WIPES
- ACRYLIC PAINTS
- PLASTIC POCKET FOLDERS
- INDIVIDUAL EYEGGLASS CLEANER WIPES
- VELCRO DOTS
- PAPER TOWELS
- SMALL AND LARGE PAPER PLATES
- GALLON ZIPLOC BAGS
- SANDWICH BAGS

Sponsored by Enfield Blue Ribbon 4-H Club
Turn supplies into your county office by Sept. 1.

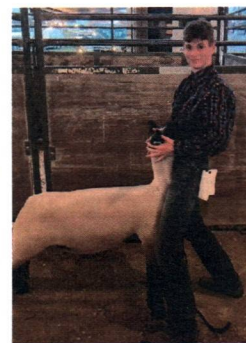
Crosswalk Painting Opportunities

The time has come that the crosswalks intown need touched up again. There will be several opportunities in the next week to help Heather Bowman. Watch her facebook page to see when you can help. This will count as s county community service. Several of you have helped in the past and did a great job!

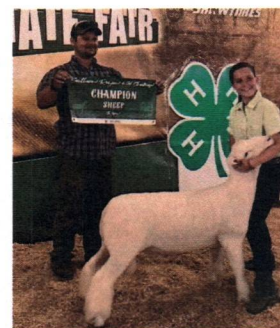


DuQuoin State Fair Exhibitors

Congratulations to everyone that exhibited at the Southern Region 4-H Show at the Du-Quoin State Fair. I do not have results yet so I am not sure how everyone placed but I do know that I am proud of each and everyone of you! I did attend part of the Sheep and Goat shows Friday evening. Congratulations to Gracie Walker for her Champion Market Lamd



and Natalie Lemke for her Champion Dairy Female. Brody Bilderberck also exhibited.



Upcoming Dates

August 30	Mum Order Due 4:00 p.m.
September 4	Records & Financial Statements Due
September 3	Float building after school
September 7	Fall Festival Parade 6:00 p.m.
September 10	4-H meeting at Mercy Heights 12:30-2:00
September 10	Photography Workshop 4:00 p.m.
September 16	Mum pick up 3:30 –5:00 p.m. Gift Garden
September 17	International Night 4:40 p.m.
September 19	Foundation Meeting 5:00 p.m.
October 6-12	National 4-H Week
October 8	4-H Meeting at Mercy Heights 12:30-2:00
October 8	Fall Décor Workshop
October 21	Achievement Night 6:00 p.m.
November 12	4-H meeting at Mercy Heights 12:30-2:00
November 12	Monthly 4-H Workshop 4:00 p.m.
December 10	4-H Meeting at Mercy Heights 12:30-2:00
December 10	Monthly 4-H Workshop 4:00 p.m.

4-H is Online 24/7

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Reminder! This year we will again be enforcing the 6 meetings rule. You must attend at least 6 club meetings or 3 club meetings and 3 other county activities in order to be able to show and sell at the auction. We will be collecting secretary books on June 1 to make sure everyone has met their quota! Don't wait until this summer it will be too late!

Thanks Girls

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Emilee Cox, Shiloh Willis, Hayden and Lainey Davis for painting the new shed and repainting the ladybugs at the GIFT garden. They look Great!



Youth Sponsors: Consolidated Grain and Barge, Wabash Valley Service Company, Dahlgren Building Center, Farm Credit Services, Honeysuckle Vine Events, McNeil Consulting, David & Susan Johnson, Town & Country Veterinary Clinic, Twilight HCE Unit, Dahlgren HCE Unit, Happy Neighbors HCE Unit, Hamilton County Home & Community Education, Wuebbels Repair, LLC, Trudee Wynn Country Financial, Larry Pauketat, Lisa Cross Financial Advisor, Food Park, Wilson's Computers, Corteva, York Pharmacy, Dick and Lucille Auten, Christopher Johnson, Bunge SCF, Hamilton County Rotary, Hamilton Memorial Hospital District, McLeansboro Kiwanis, Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Roger Swartz, Banterra Bank and Insurance, Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op, Miller's Welding, Peoples National Bank, Posey County Co-Op, Southern FS, Legend Ag/Stone Seed Group, KA Rich Inc., Hamilton County Telephone Foundation, City of McLeansboro, Katrina Roberson, EA, Monsanto, Hall's Sawmill, Maschhoffs, McLeansboro Elks, Mike Harre/The Big Red Barn, SECLR Farms, SN Partners, Fairfield National Bank, H & R Agri Power, Miller Seed Solutions, Woodrow Farms, Ayt Farms, Waier Farms.