



October 2024

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

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

Events:

- Oct. 1 - ZSuite Opens
- Oct. 1 - Award Applications
- Oct. 6-12 - National 4-H Week
- Oct. 7 - State Scholarship Training
- Oct. 14 - Henry Archery Start
- Oct. 24 - Building Partnerships Webinar
- Oct. 26 - Saddle Teens Community Halloween
- Nov. 2-3 - Jr Leadership Conference
- Nov. 4 - Teen Teachers Kick-off Meeting



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NATIONAL 4-H SPIRIT WEEK

- SUNDAY **Service Project Sunday**
- MONDAY **Member Monday**
- TUESDAY **Time Machine Tuesday**
- WEDNESDAY **Why 4-H Wednesday**
- THURSDAY **Thankful Thursday**
- FRIDAY **Favorite Project Friday**
- SATURDAY **Spirit Saturday**

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Help us celebrate this year's National 4-H Week. The theme is 'Beyond Ready'. Look for community displays in Mercer County and tell us how you participate in each day's theme.

Volunteer Hours

It is required that screened volunteers get 3 continuing education hours during the 2024-2025 year. There will be monthly opportunities to get those hours. Here are some of the upcoming webinars

- *Oct. 7, 6pm - Scholarship Applications
- *October, TBA, Cloverbud Leader Training
- *Oct. 24, 6pm - Building Community Partnerships
- *November 21 - Café Conversations: Stimulating Youth Leaders and Opportunities for Youth Success. Register for these via ZSuite events. You must be logged in to the webinar, not just registered, for it to count.

There will also be trainings during some leader meetings that will count, including new club financials training coming during October meetings.

ZSUITE REMINDERS

- *System will open in October. Reenrollments are due **Dec. 1**. New enrollments are due March 1.
- *Leaders also need to reenroll in ZSuite.
- *Do not create a new account when reenrolling. Contact the office if you need to know which email is on your account.
- *Families with more than 3 kids will not be able to pay online until we apply a waiver.
- *You must be in ZSuite and have paid the program fee to be considered active.
- *Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) must select a Cloverbud club.
- *Always select the county of your **Club** NOT your county of residence—even when it asks for your county of residence.

Club News and Notes



Hamlet Handy Helpers Report Submitted by Zach Icenogle

The Hamlet Handy Helpers held their monthly meeting on September 8, 2024 at the Hamlet Hall. President, Mason Gray, called the meeting to order and led the Pledges. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Discussion was held about the fiscal policies set forth by the Extension Office. Ideas were shared as to how we want to utilize monies in our account. Members were encouraged to apply for upcoming 4-H awards offered by the Extension office.

Celebrate Halloween

The Saddle Teens 4-H Club is sponsoring a community Halloween on October 26 from 2-3:30 at the Viola Methodist Church Fellowship Hall—1407 18th Ave.

There will be food, make-and-take activities, costumes and games.

Contact (309) 596-2364 for questions.

Please come take part in the festivities!



Request for Participants

"The Illinois State 4-H Influencer Team" is looking for 4-H'ers from our area to take part in videos this fall. Topics could include project areas, 4-H memories or promotions which support 4-H. Please contact Bailey Callahan (baileyjcallahan09@gmail.com) or Emma Steiger (emmasteiger653@gmail.com)

Request for Photos

We are updating our marketing materials and need your help! We are looking for photos or short videos that showcase our amazing 4-H members, clubs, and leaders. These will be used in local 4-H promotions including TV commercials, our website and Facebook. If you have photos to share, please do so via [JotForm Link](#). Any questions should be directed to Becky Buckrop in the Milan office. (309) 756-9978.

Joy-Eliza Ag Report Submitted by Kaylyn Stevenson

The Joy-Eliza Ag 4-H'ers started the year with the 1st meeting on September 8th by learning how to give good presentations. Bill Boruff gave the presentation. Members who were present were Kaylyn, Chloe, Henna, Josiah, Elsie and Phoebe Stevenson, Savannah and Korbin McKay, Hannah Sell, Colton Reid, Aurora and Otto Fitchner, Autumn and Lane Geertz, Brady and Garrett Holmes, Evie Mills, CJ and Kendall Cox and Darrin and Hailey McKeag.

Bill gave two example demonstrations about small engine maintenance. The first was poorly prepared, had not been researched, did not have the proper tools, etc. The second example had been thoroughly researched, the proper tools were used, and it was given in a clear and straightforward manner.

During the club business meeting, members chose food security as their theme for the year. They also formed a committee to work on the display for 4-H week, and elected officers.



Front row: Kendall Cox, Historian; Hailey McKeag, Recreation Leader
Back row: Aurora Fitchner, President; Colton Reid, Treasurer; Hannah Sell, Vice-President; Kaylyn Stevenson, Reporter.

While the older members of the club conducted their meeting, the Cloverbuds of the group tie-dyed shirts. Kaelyn Boruff planned and led the activity.

The next meeting of Joy-Eliza Ag 4-H club will be October 13th at 4:00 p.m. at the Eliza Community Center.

The club would also like to welcome back Stacey Boruff as leader!

Club News and Notes



Cambridge Champs Report Submitted by Jon Stevens

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm .
The secretary's report was read and approved. There was no treasurer's report. Extension news was read and we welcomed new members.

Old Business

Tanner's Donut Fundraiser

New Business

Officer Elections those include the following:

President - Jon Stevens

Vice President - Ella Grant

Secretary - Adelyn Blade

Historian - Jolene Blackert

Reporter - Livvy Edmund

We then discussed Homecoming float ideas.

Next meeting will take place at mini golf.



Burns Boosters Report Submitted by Eden Rahm

This summer, the Burns Boosters had a fun and successful summer at the county and state levels!

The Burns Boosters met on September 15, 2024 at 5:00 at Bishop Hill Fire Station for our first meeting of the new year! We selected new officers for the new year, which included the President, Chloe Finch, Vice President, Corben Strand, Treasurer, Claire Orlando, Secretary, Addyson Bennett, and Reporter, Eden Rahm.

Our meeting ended and our leaders Krista Peck and Ben Strand gave examples of talks and demonstrations.

Everyone is so excited for our next meeting which will be a wiener roast on October 20, 2024 at 4:00!



Magical Muggles Club Report Submitted by Cecilia Holder

On September 16, Magical Muggles met for their monthly meeting. We planned what we're doing for national 4-H week. We're "beyond ready" for the 4-H year to begin! Then, we did a challenge of creating baskets out of paper plates, tape, string, and straws that had to hold apples. The team whose creation held the most apples won. Our next meeting we will be electing club officers. Our next meeting will be October 21 at 6:30pm.



4-H in the City Report Submitted by Emily H.

Tuesday 4-H in the City elected officers, and welcomed new member, Acelynn.

Club members had fun at Silvis Heights Park by making Halloween shirts for the upcoming season.





NEWS & notes

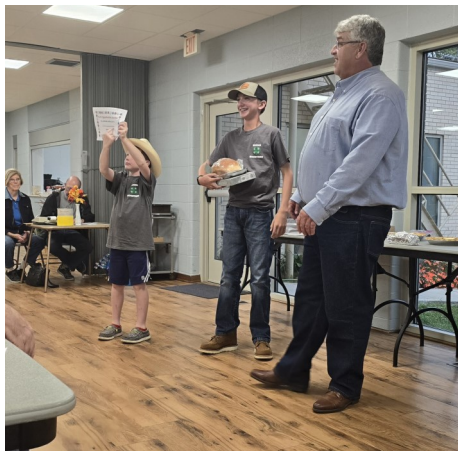
Club Reports, Continued

Alexis All Stars Report Submitted by Jayne Johnson

The Alexis All Stars 4-H club met on Sept 15 a 6:00 at Community Center. Jayla led the pledges. 1st order of business was to elect New officers for 2024-25 President- Ella Bernhardt. V. Pres - Peyton Martin. Secretary- Temperance Treasurer- Jayla Johnson Reporter- Jayne Roll call with 13 members - 2 leaders. - 6 parents present We have a New member Austyn Aden Treasurer report by Julie was given New Business Re- enrollment will start Oct 1st, in ZSUITE, make sure you order project manuals if you need them. National 4-H week is October 6-12 , we will have a display at Farmers State bank in Alexis, discussed some ideas and will set up Sat Oct 5th at 9:00 at Bank. Jayne will get schedule for when 4-H meetings will be and get out to families. Discussed getting something for Tracy Pestle for her retirement from Mercer County 4-H program. We discussed up coming projects for this year - Pen Pals, helping Senior Citizens, Veterans, and Western Animal Control, will make plans next meeting Next meeting October 20th 6:00 at Community Center Motion by Lindley to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Tempy Servers Julie and Jayne

Burns Boosters Reports, 2 Submitted by Eden Rahm

On Sunday, September 22, 2024, the Burns Boosters helped at an dinner and auction held at Galva First United Methodist! Club members donated items for the auction and also helped the auctioneer. A portion of the proceeds from the dinner and auction will be donated to the Burns Boosters 4-H club. Thank you to the Galva First Methodist Church for this opportunity!



Saddle Teens Club Report Submitted by Paisley Martin

Saddle Teens 4-H Club held their September meeting on Thursday, September 12th, at Viola United Methodist Church. 13 members were present.

Elections were held with the following results:

- President - Colbie Parrish
- Vice President - Jocelyn Erickson
- Secretary - Lily Miller
- Treasurer - Zoey Shafer
- Parliamentarian - Brooklynne Martin
- Reporter - Paisley Martin
- Historians - Abby Atchison & Paisley Martin

Plans were discussed and a committee formed for the "Beyond Ready" themed window display that will appear at Bank Orion in Aledo on October 5th to celebrate National 4-H Week, October 6-12, 2024.

Also, Saddle Teens will host a "Trick or Treat" party on Saturday, October 26th from 2:00-4:00 at Viola United Methodist Church. There will be free food & drinks, games & activities, and a costume contest. Committee members are working to organize this community activity. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Stark County Century Clovers Submitted by Kaylee Goerks

The Stark County Century Clovers met on Sunday, September 8th. A thank you was given to Joe Tracy, Karen Lisota, and Greg Lisota for providing trucks for the 4H'ers to ride in for the Bradford Labor Day parade. A thank you was also given to everyone who rode in the parade and threw candy. Next, officers were elected for the new 4-H year as follows:

- President- Lauren Orwig and Logan Goerks
 - Secretary- Riggins Shafer
 - Treasurer- Cole Kinsella
 - Reporter- Kaylee Goerks
 - Historian- Kinsley Wall
- Federation Officers are:
- President- Cole Kinsella and Riggins Shafer
 - Secretary- Kinsley Wall
 - Treasurer- Logan Goerks

Our Kickoff meeting will be held on Sunday October 13th. We will be having a hot dog roast and activities and activities. If weather permits, anyone who made a rocket for the 4H fair can bring it to the meeting to shoot it off. This is also open to anyone else who wants to make a rocket and bring it.



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

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. There is also a document on ZSuite with this information.

Henry County Archery: Fall

Henry County archery will hold their fall sessions beginning Monday, October 14 and running every Monday through November 11. Beginners/inexperienced shooters are encouraged to attend the 5:30 sessions with more advanced shooters attending the 6:30 session. All sessions will be at the Cambridge Youth Community Center (old bowling alley).

Register here: <https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/henry-archery-fall>

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 list in your new year packets (coming from leaders) or visit here:

<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 to projects

- Babysitting is replacing Child Development
- New under the Clothing & Textiles category
 - Costume Design
 - Clothing Embellishment
- New projects in the Foods Category:
 - Kitchen Boss
 - Science Fun with Dairy
 - Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry
- Health 1, 2, & 3 were removed
- New projects under the Health heading:
 - Your Feelings Matter
 - Everyday Food & Fitness
 - Health Exploration & Innovation
 - Sports Nutrition—moved from foods

State Events

State Scholarship Training—October 7 @ 6 pm via Zoom
Recommended if you are applying for a state scholarship, which is open to ages 15-18. Register on ZSuite by Oct. 5.

Junior Leadership Conference - November 2-3 in Springfield.

Junior Livestock Conference - January 25-26 in Springfield.
Open to youth in grades 7-9. Registration will be open later this year via ZSuite events.

State Public Speaking Contest - April 26, 2025

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8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.

Viola Office Hours

Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday

8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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



We wanted to officially welcome and introduce the new Rock Island 4-H Program Coordinator to the team. Melissa Fudge jumped over to 4-H from the SNAP-ED program in August. We are very happy to have her! She is brand new to 4-H, but is learning quickly and is already a great asset to our unit team.

She'll be out and about meeting people throughout this 4-H year, but here is a quick introduction to Mel:

Hometown: Elgin, IL

What 5 things make you happy?

"Sunshine, laughter with friends & family, good food, exploring new places, and watching wildlife."

What do you enjoy doing in Rock Island County?

"I love living near two rivers and making the most of them for recreation. Another highlight for me is visiting the farmer's market at Schwiebert Park on Saturdays. It's a great way to connect with the community and enjoy fresh, local produce!"

Which of the 4 H's do you identify with most?

"Heart. I believe in fostering emotional intelligence and encouraging members to be thoughtful, supportive, community-oriented individuals."

What else do you want people to know?

"I love trying new things and am excited to provide opportunities for kids to learn new skills and discover their passions."

—Jennifer, Elaine, Kristen & Mel

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<https://www.facebook.com/StarkCounty4H?ref=hl>

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Attention High-schoolers

JOIN 4-H



TEEN TEACHERS



1st meeting, Mon. Nov 4 @ 6 p.m.,
University of Illinois Extension, Milan, IL

Are you a high schooler interested in exploring your leadership and teaching skills while making new friends and positively impacting your community?

Join the Teen Teachers training program with University of Illinois Extension and 4-H! Through monthly meetings, you'll develop the skills you need to be a great leader and gain access to opportunities where you can share those skills.

Find out more at our kickoff meeting on November 4, featuring a pizza party and a fun, interactive activity!



Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable skills, build your confidence, and contribute to your community.

Call (309) 756-9978 or visit:
go.illinois.edu/TeenTeachersKickoff
or scan this QR Code:



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Join us in our mission is to create
a cohesive and unified Teen Federation Club
for Rock Island County 4-H!

4-H TEEN FEDERATION INFORMATION MEETING



Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 PM
University of Illinois Extension
321 W 2nd Ave. Milan, IL

Sign up at go.illinois.edu/RITeenFed

LEARN MORE!

- Teen Federation is open to all 4-H members aged 11 and older.
- Join us for our first meeting to see what Teen Federation is all about!
- We'll play games, enjoy snacks, and make plans for future meetings and events!
- For more information, please contact: Teen Federation Leader: Lori Tharp, 309-781-2824 or luvmissy65@aol.com



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