



MAY 2021

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

- May 1 - Mercer/RI/Stark Project Changes
- May 1 - Horse Papers
- May 14 - Henry Fair Entries
- June 1 - Mercer/RI Fair Entries
- June 28 - Stark Fair Entries

Events:

- May 3 - Henry Archery
- May 6 - RI Pork Chop Dinner
- June 4 - State Livestock Judging
- June 5 - State Public Speaking
- June 11 - Mercer BBQ



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Congratulations!



Congratulations to the Henry/Stark livestock judging team on a great showing at Spring contests. They have done well as teams and individually.

BHE Dan Hoge Contest:

Seniors Division: 2nd team overall
Kylie Gillespie, Brylie Roberts, Ryan Murphy & Rachel DeRycke

Junior Division: 2nd team overall
Kashen Ellerbrock, Sam Nightingale, Brayden Hardin

*Highest Individual - Kashen Ellerbrock

ICC Contest:

Senior Division: 1st team overall
Cole Ellerbrock, Kashen Ellerbrock, Kylie Gillespie & Ryan Murphy

Joliet Junior College Contest:

Seniors Division: 1st team overall
Cole Ellerbrock, Ryan Murphy, Kylie Gillespie & Brylie Roberts

2nd Overall Individual - Cole Ellerbrock

4th Overall Individual - Kylie Gillespie

Junior Division: 1st team overall
Kashen Ellerbrock, Sam Nightingale, Brayden Hardin & Chet Gillespie

*High Individual - Kashen Ellerbrock

ICC Contest Individuals:

2nd - Ryan Murphy

3rd - Brylie Roberts

Fair Entry

The fair entry website is OPEN! The site is: Fairentry.com. Click on "Find Your Fair" at the top, then search by state/county. You need to use your 4-H Online email & password to sign-in. If you don't remember your email, contact Extension. Passwords must be reset in 4-H Online. Please check your county's deadline.

BIG THANK YOU!

The Mercer County Teen Federation would like to give a BIG thank you to the clubs that donated supplies for the drive-thru spaghetti luncheon. Federation members prepared the meals and served from 11-1 on Sunday, April 25. A total of \$1,577 was collected for the American Legion's Veteran's Marker project!



NEWS & notes

News & Notes

Rural Go-Getters Submitted by Hannah Close

Our club held our regularly scheduled April meeting. Emma S gave a talk on horse dental anatomy. She made a display of a horse's mouth out of Styrofoam and pieces of wood. The wood trim was to display the 3-inch teeth that horses have. Her talk was very interesting! Emma and Westly S brought refreshments, and we made paper airplanes and some decorated their airplanes. Then we lined up and flew the airplanes to see how far they went. We had a fun April meeting!

Hamlet Handy Helpers Submitted by Megan Gray

The Hamlet Handy Helpers held their monthly meeting on April 11 at the Hamlet Perryton Presbyterian Church. Roll call was taken and the secretary and treasurers reports were given and approved. All members were reminded to get their pictures and write-ups to Brenda Close, leader, as soon as possible for our Club Feature in the Times Record. The Brookstone of Aledo residents appreciated the spring cards that we sent and posted pictures of themselves on their facebook page. Fair books are available, and the Mercer County Fair is scheduled for July 12-16. Federation is doing a spaghetti supper fundraiser on April 25 in place of the soup cook-off from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Our club made a motion and approved purchasing some supplies that will be needed. Fair entry is now open for all members. National 4-H Day of Service is April 24th. Our club discussed ways that we could continue our service to the community for this year. Reminder that May 1 is the deadline to make 4-H project changes. Last, the annual BBQ will be held June 11 this year. Mason Gray gave a talk about ear mites in rabbits and Megan Gray gave a talk about feed rations that are used in her sheep feed. Meeting was adjourned.

The Galva Office is now open every Monday. Viola every Tuesday & Wednesday. Milan Monday-Thursday. You can call the office or:

Tracy - (217) 300-9116
McCala - (217) 300-8321

Teresa - (217) 300-9260
Jennifer - (217) 300-7348

Magical Muggles Report Submitted by Miriam Schwartz

We had our monthly meeting on April 19, 2021. During the meeting, we talked about classes you can take through 4-H. We also got our 2021 fair book and talked about signing up for fair entries. Finally, we talked about having a pizza party for our next meeting because our 4-H club won club of the year last year. Due to Covid reasons, we could not have it yet. For our project, we learned about Mars and how some NASA missions can fail but that does not stop them from trying to have a successful mission.

Peppy Partners Report

Peppy Partners met April 10. The secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Each family got a fair book and was encouraged to check out their projects and what they need to do. Old business: speakers - we have two in mind, one possibly coming next month. The club t-shirts will be discussed more next month. We decided to donate 30 cans of tomato sauce for the spaghetti luncheon. The Times Record articles: most were written and pictures were taken. Amelia offered to type everything up. Animal shelter donations: Each one brought something and we agreed to spend \$50 from the 4-H account to add to it. It will be delivered the Monmouth shelter. New Business was the 4-H BBQ and explaining that it will probably be drive-thru. More details as soon as we now. The next meeting will be May 22, and Seth did a special on his Lego WWII tier plane.

4-H in the City Report Submitted by Carter Tharp

Our club met on April 13, 2021. We talked about fairbooks, the fair and shooting sports. We also discussed the upcoming pork chop dinner. Members volunteered for donations of pies and cookies. Whitney presented on Madagascar and we made chameleon dip. We also met on April 27. We reviewed important dates and deadlines. Maya presented on Greenland and we made a narwhal.



NEWS & notes

Fundraising & Fairs

A Note About Fairs

We are excited to be in person this year for the county fairs! As we plan, we want to make sure that everyone is aware of the rules 4-H will need to follow to allow us to be together. These rules will apply only to the 4-H shows. The county shows have their own set of guidelines. During all 4-H shows (inside or outside):

- Masks must be worn by all members, volunteers and spectators.
- Social distancing practices should be followed according to health department guidelines.
- Building capacities will be based on current state guidelines. We may have to limit number of observers in the barn with priority given to immediate family.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all show areas.
- We will not be requiring general projects to stay on the grounds. A schedule for general projects will be released closer to the fairs. For this year only, we encourage all general project participants to consider either entering their project in county open shows or following county project display options.

State Fair General Project Date

Friday, August 13



State Fair Entry Deadlines:

- Horses - June 1
- Livestock - July 1
- Dogs - August 1

Mercer County Fundraiser

Mercer 4-H Foundation BBQ

The Mercer County 4-H Foundation will hold its annual BBQ on Friday, June 11. This year will be drive-thru only. Meals can be ordered in advance or on the day and will be available for pick-up from 4:30-6:30 p.m. There will be no Farm in the Park.

Rock Island 4-H Foundation Pork Chop Dinner

The Rock Island County 4-H Foundation will hold a drive-thru pork chop dinner on **Thursday, May 6**. Meals will be available to pick up at the Milan Extension Office from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Meals may be ordered in advance. Contact the Milan Extension office for more information. (309) 756-9978.



Henry County Food Stand



The Henry County 4-H Foundation food stand is not requiring clubs/youth to work a

shift this year. We have to limit the number of people in the stand and follow extra health safety protocols making it hard to have young kids work. Instead, we are looking for adult volunteers willing to work a couple hours. The stand will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday. A sign-up form will be distributed soon. For questions, contact Jennifer or Teresa.



NEWS & notes

Livestock Edition



Horse lease/ownership/registration papers are due to the Extension Office by **May 1**. The papers must include color photos of both sides of the animal. Be sure to submit papers for any horse you *might* exhibit.



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is still the **required yearly ethics training for members enrolled in beef, goats, sheep & swine.**

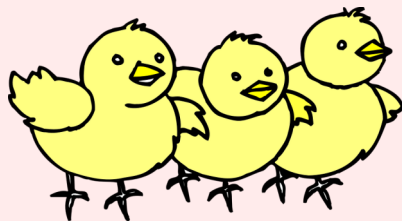
The training is available online at yqca.org. It is \$12 to take it online and there are Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-14) & Senior (15-18) levels. To test out of an age division, you must be in the beginning year of the level - either 8, 12 or 15.



NOTE: We do not currently have access to the YQCA database to check certificate numbers. If you plan to show at State Fair, be sure to print a copy of your certification and keep with your files.

Quality Assurance and Ethics (QAEC) is required **ONCE** in a 4-H career for members enrolled in dogs, cats, small pets, horses, rabbits and poultry. It is free and can be found at:

Web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec



Sheep & Goats

Wethers & Ewe Lambs:

*Weighed & Tattooed between March 15 & May 15, 2021

* Lambled on or after January 1, 2021

--Contact Jennifer if you wish to tattoo sheep for the Premiere shows.

Note to ALL State Fair sheep & goat exhibitors:

The nomination process will be the same as last year. You will self-nominate and include a picture of the Scrapie tag in the animal's ear. Forms were emailed and are available from the Extension office. They are due **May 15, 2021**.

The forms require an Extension signature, so please return to your county office.

Ownership Dates

Market Animals:

Steers - February 1, 2021

Barrows - June 1, 2021

Wethers - May 15, 2021

Ewe Lambs - May 15, 2021

Meat Goat Wethers - May 15, 2021

Breeding Animals:

Heifers - June 1, 2021

Gilts - June 1, 2021

Ewes & Rams - June 25, 2021

Dairy Cows - January 1, 2021

Horses - June 1, 2021

Milking Does - January 1, 2021

Dairy Kids & Yearlings - June 1, 2021

Meat Goats - May 15, 2021



Other Important Dates

State Livestock Judging Contest - June 4 @ the Stock Pavilion in Urbana

State Dog Show - August 28 @ Granny Rose in Dixon



NEWS & notes

Around the State

ILLINOIS RIVER WATCH NETWORK

NATIONAL GREAT RIVERS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER

With one paid adult, two 4-H youth may attend one of 14 different statewide workshops free of charge. During this 6-8 hour training, volunteers are taught to identify over 30 different organisms using a stereoscope. During the field training session, participants visit a local stream, where the Trainer demonstrates proper monitoring techniques and explains how to complete the data sheets. Additional information about RiverWatch is available at: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>.



Enjoy your own family cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat right in central Illinois. While at camp your family can swim, boat, shoot archery, climb the rock wall, make arts & crafts, fish, take hayrack rides, participate in S.T.E.M. activities, hike, make s'mores over a campfire, and so much more!

Ready to camp? Sign up for the June 6-8, June 18-20 or July 9-11 sessions at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp21>



Register your service outreach efforts for the months of March, April, May and June that demonstrate support of your communities. No project is too big or too small.

Register here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>



The next shooting sports leader certification training is scheduled for **Saturday, June 5, 2021** at the 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello.

Registration is open. If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor in any discipline (Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol and/or Hunting & Outdoor Skills), please contact Jennifer at jpetersn@illinois.edu, McCala Crawford (mmmille@illinois.edu) or Tracy Pestle (fowlerpe@illinois.edu).



The next 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation is scheduled for Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m.

Use the link below to register now.



<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

HENRY COUNTY JACKPOT

MAY 14TH-15TH

HENRY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - CAMBRIDGE, IL
NON-POINTS SHOW | OUT OF STATE PIGS WELCOME

SCHEDULE

4 P.M. FRI, MAY 14TH
ARRIVAL MAY BEGIN

9 A.M. SAT, MAY 15TH
ALL HOGS MUST BE
IN PLACE

WEIGH IN CAN BE DONE
ON FRIDAY 5-7:30 P.M.
OR SATURDAY 6-9 A.M.

CROSS GILTS AND ALL
BARROWS SHOW BY WEIGHT

NO WEIGHT LIMIT | MUST
WEIGH IN | NO WEIGH BACK

PUREBRED GILTS WILL SHOW
BY AGE | NOV 1ST AND AFTER
ARE ELIGIBLE

MUST HAVE 5 PIGS TO MAKE
A BREED | ALL OTHERS WILL
SHOW AS AOB

ONLY SHAVINGS IN THE BARN |
TRAILER SPOTS AVAILABLE

*CLASS AND
TOP 5 OVERALL
PAYOUTS*

INFORMATION

2 SHOWS 1 DAY

CHRIS DOBBELS (309)507-1975 | TODD WINTERS (309)945-6331

HENRY, MERCER, ROCK ISLAND, & STARK UNIT

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Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.



Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

We are coming in to the season of deadlines. Be sure you get fair entries and paperwork for state fair done in advance. It is a big help to us when we have information early. Here are the big deadlines again:

May 1 - Horse Papers

May 14 - Henry County Fair Entries

May 15 - Sheep/Goat State Fair Nominations

June 1 - Mercer & Rock Island Fair Entries

June 1 - State Horse Show Entries

June 28 - Stark Fair Entries

July 1 - State Livestock Fair Entries

August 1 - State Dog Obedience State Entries

Don't panic about the fair rules. If you have questions or concerns, let us know but more definite guidelines and information will be out closer to the summer.

*Jennifer, Teresa,
Tracy, & McCala*



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

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State · County · Local Groups · United States Department of Agriculture Cooperating University of Illinois provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

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.