



**FEBRUARY 2022**

## Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

### Deadlines:

- Feb. 1 - Register for Officer Training
- Feb. 1 - Register for Steer weigh-in
- Feb. 1 - Cooking 101 Registration
- Feb. 15 - Fair Book Cover Contest
- Feb. 15 - IAA Scholarship Apps
- Feb. 15 - Little Roots Registration
- March 14 - Register for RI Speaking
- March 15 - Register for Mercer Speaking

### Events:

- Feb. 5 - Steer Weigh-in
- Feb. 8 - Mercer Leader Meeting
- Feb. 12 - Officer Training
- Feb. 16 - Speaking for IL 4-H
- March 19 - RI Public Speaking



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At the January meeting the Stark County Century Clover members received new 4-H t-shirts. These T-shirts, as well as the ones that the Federation received, are in honor of Kaden Wall. Kaden wanted to make sure everyone was involved in 4-H and Federation. With his legacy fund we will be able to honor him. The donation of the t-shirts is just the first step. Every shirt will be worn in honor of Kaden, with his initials on the sleeve. We want to say a special Thank You to Kaden's family for all the help to make this possible. A demonstration on how to make a PVC pipe blower was given by Nolan Orwig. A reminder that beef weigh in will be on February 5 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ideas were discussed for the February meeting, where we will be doing a party to celebrate Valentine's Day. *Submitted by Logan Goerks*

## Officer Training

Join us for fun, games, and dinner on **February 12, 2022**, 5 p.m. at Speer Funeral Home in Aledo.

Mercer County Teen Federation will lead fun, hands-on activities to help members learn how to run a business meeting using Parliamentary Procedure. They will also go over the responsibilities of each club officer. Members from all counties are welcome to attend.

The evening will start with a taco bar, followed by the training.

Cost to attend is \$5. This will help cover the food.

Register by **February 1** at <https://form.jotform.com/213184990163155>.

## Steer Weigh-in

Please see **page 5** for full details on each county's weigh-in. All weigh-ins are scheduled for **Saturday, February 5**. Please watch your email and our Facebook pages closer to the date for any weather-related updates.

Also, remember to **contact the appropriate person, see page 5, to register.**

**ATTENTION STARK COUNTY: Weigh-in will be at Iliff Vet 8165 Twp Rd 1500 E. Wyoming.**

## A Note to Henry County:

The Henry County Fair Board voted to move the fair up a week for this summer. General projects will show on Saturday, June 11. Stay tuned for an exact show schedule.



# NEWS & notes

## MERCER COUNTY

### Hamlet Handy Helpers Report Submitted by Mason Gray

The Hamlet Handy Helpers held a meeting on January 9, 2022. President, Megan Gray, called the meeting to order. The secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. The club discussed what we wanted for new club shirts. Mason Gray discussed the Trees in Central Park activity from December. Ideas were mentioned on an upcoming club tour in the spring. We participated in a community service backpack project with the Mercer County Crisis Center. Caidal Monson discussed the Federation Blood Drive. Our club provided cookies to WRMJ to show our support and gratitude for everything they do for our community and the 4-H organization. It was mentioned that the Federation will be having an upcoming officer training on February 12. All officers are encouraged to participate.



### Patty Jeanne Higgins Scholarship

This scholarship is available to high school seniors or persons enrolled in the first year of college, university, technical school. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Applicant must be a resident of Mercer or Warren County. Applicant must have been involved in 4-H for a minimum of three years. Preference given to applicants from the Alexis All-Star 4-H Club. Applicant is required to verify acceptance to or present enrollment at a college or university. In addition to eligibility guidelines, the following will be considered in selecting recipients: Academic performance, rank in class, ACT score, financial need, character and personality: Consideration shall be given to maturity; industriousness and motivation; intellectual interest; and demonstrated leadership. Completed Application due on or before, **March 1, 2022**. Applications can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/4-h-mercer-county>

### Kimel Club Meeting Report Submitted by Alysse DeBlock

At our Kimel 4-H meeting on December 12, 2021 we had a blast wrapping presents and making cards for our Christmas Families. We also did elections. President is Jack Jungmann, Vice President is Kaitlynn DeBlock, Secretary is Macy DeBlock, Luke Jungmann is Treasurer, and reporters are Kate Jungmann and me, Alysse DeBlock. Parliamentarian is Belle Colbrese. We also did the Achievement awards program. At the end of our meeting, we had a Candy Bar Exchange. Our meeting was very fun for the kids, me and other people.



## Contest

### Design the Fair Book Cover

Entries are due by **February 15, 2022** and MUST include:

- \*2022 Mercer County 4-H Fair
- July 11-15 at the Mercer County Fair Grounds, Aledo
- \*4-H Clover
- \*Name, age, 4-H club in the lower right hand corner

Other requirements:

- \*Must be submitted on 8.5x11 white paper w/ 1 inch border
- \*In pen or black marker NOT pencil
- \*Stencils ok for lettering
- \*Computer design allowed, but preference to original drawings
- \*1 entry per 4-H member



### Mercer 4-H Memorial Scholarship

4-H Memorial Scholarship was established by memorial funds from Dylis McCutchan and Daniel McLaughlin and memorials made to honor Dylis and Daniel. Dylis was a leader of Hamlet Handy Helpers for over 40 years. Daniel was a Mercer County 4-H alumni and a long-time member of the Young Riders 4-H club. The Memorial Scholarship is open to current Mercer County 4-H members graduating from high school. It is intended for educational purposes at a college, university or trade school.

**Deadline March 1, 2022.** For more info go to: <https://extension.illinois.edu/4-h-mercer-county>





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## ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

### 4-H in the City Report Submitted by Olivia Boehle

The meeting was held virtually on January 14, 2022. We talked about reward certificates and pins for our club and voted on purchasing pins for rewards. We also talked about making valentines to send to troops for Operation Love Our Troops. Also, we discussed upcoming classes that we can take. Our craft we did was snowflake cutting. The Chavez family shared how to cut a paper snowflake with a cardinal and holly pattern.



### Rural Go-Getters Report Submitted by Morgan Little

Riley had a talk about art during our business meeting. Henry made a motion to adjourn, and Will seconded the motion. Morgan brought refreshments for the club. We also made Valentine's Day cards when the meeting was over.



### Magical Muggles Club Notes Submitted by Bailey Callahan

Magical Muggles 4-H Club met in person and via Zoom on January 24. At our business meeting we planned our next community service project which we will do on February 14 & 15 when we make meals for the Humility Services Shelter. We talked about the Fairbook Cover Contest and also voted to get gift cards for veterans using the money we got from our state award. For our activity we solved a murder mystery using forensic information such as binary code, fingerprints, phisic, DNA sampling and contact tracing. We also learned some facts about 4-H. Our next meeting is February 21 at 6:30pm.

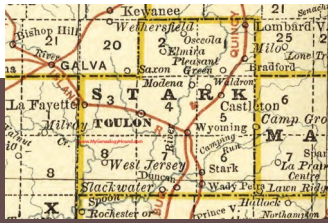


### Bert Blood Scholarships

Applications are available now and due **March 7, 2022**. Three scholarships will be awarded to current seniors in high school in the following amounts: \$1,500, \$1,250 and \$1,000. Two \$500 scholarships will be given to current college students who are former 4-H members. To apply: follow the instructions on our website @ [Extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/4-h-rock-island-county](https://Extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/4-h-rock-island-county)

### Fair Book Cover Contest

Design the 2022 fair book cover. All entries are due on **February 15** and should follow the theme "Stronger Together". Please keep entries to one 8.5x11 sheet of white paper and include: 4-H Clover, 'Rock Island County Fair', and 'July 16-24, 2022'. Send entries to McCala @ [mmmille@illinois.edu](mailto:mmmille@illinois.edu)



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## LOCAL PROGRAMS

### Mercer Peppy Partners Report Submitted by: Karen Dellitt

Peppy Partners 4-H club met Jan 8 with all members present. Roll call was what did you do on the snow day. The secretary and treasurer minutes were read and approved. Old business was to try to invite others to our meeting in hopes they may be interested in joining. Also, if anyone has been able to order their project books. The store is up and running now. We also made a little progress on our t-shirts. No definite design, yet, but we've got everyone's sizes and colors of shirts. More to come next meeting.

Election of officers: everyone agreed to keep the same office they were holding last year. We again discussed speakers; a few names were added to the list. We agreed each one would ask someone and get back with if they could come. New business: It's time for the fair book design. Everyone was encouraged to try this. Upcoming events were discussed including the officer training date on February 12. Cost is \$5 which covers the taco bar. Please register by Feb. 1. Club project day is April 23rd. We thought of again helping out at the animal shelter and decided to discuss it more next month. Public speaking contest is March 20th. Our next meeting was agreed for February 19. We have two specials planned. We adjourned the meeting with no games because of the cold. Everyone was thanked for coming.

### Shooting Sports Trainings

Competition training for 4-H Rifle club leaders and up to three 4-H club members will take place on March 19, 2022 from 10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington.

To register, visit: [go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining](https://go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining).

There will also be several adult shooting sport volunteer trainings in the spring.

Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Tombstone Range in Marion, IL  
Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello

**Saturday, July 16, 2022 at Bi-State in Colona**

All trainings will run from 9 am to 6 pm. If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor, contact your local Extension

The Stark County Shooting Sport Club has set dates for Rifle, Pistol and Archery.



**Pistol** - Sessions will be held on February 13, 20 & 27 and March 6, 13, 20 & 27 at Promisedland Firearms aka Hulsey's outside of Toulon. Sessions at 3, 4 & 5. This discipline is almost full. If you are interested in joining contact the Galva Extension office or Karen Horsley.

**Archery** - Sessions held at the Stark County Fairgrounds in Wyoming beginning April 3. Remaining dates will be April 10 & 24, May 1, 8 & 15 and June 5. Register with Karen Horsley or through the Galva Extension Office.

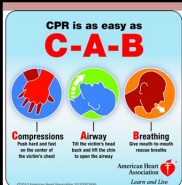
### Cooking 101 Workshops

The sessions will be held via ZOOM on the following Sundays at 2 pm. (You can register for any ones you choose. The cost is \$2/session or all 6/\$10)

- \* Food Safety, Measuring Basics, and Snacks - Feb. 6
- \* Kitchen Safety, Cooking "How to" basics, and Side Dishes - Feb. 13
- \* Cooking "How to" and Main Dishes -Feb. 20
- \* Mealtime Planning, Table Etiquette, and Desserts - Feb. 27
- \* Learn and make Bread Options - March 6
- \* Food Nutrition and 4-H Fair Requirements - March 13

Register by February 1st at

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24908>



### CPR Training

Learn basic life support training for CPR, first aid, and AED certification.

**When:** Saturday, March 5; 9am

**Where:** Alexis Ambulance Service  
106 East Palmer Avenue, Alexis

**Who:** 4-H Members age 12 and up

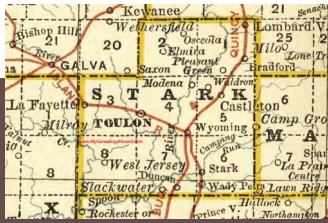
**What:** 3 hour training. Participants must pass a written exam following the training to receive their certification for CPR, AED, and First Aid through the American Heart Association.

**Cost:** \$15 payable at the door

**Register:** Class size is limited. Registration closes on Feb. 26 or when full. Register here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24979>





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## LIVESTOCK NEWS

### Livestock Ownership Dates

#### Market Animals

**Steers:** Calved on or after January 1, 2021.

Owned by February 1, 2022

**Barrows:** Farrowed on or after January 1, 2022

Owned by June 1, 2022

**Premiere Barrows:** Farrowed on or after February 10, 2022

Owned by June 1, 2022

**Sheep:** Lambled on or after January 1, 2022

Owned by May 15, 2022

**Meat Goat Wethers:** Born on or after October 1, 2021

Owned by May 15, 2022

#### Breeding Animals

**Heifers:** Owned by June 1, 2022

**Cows:** Owned by January 2, 2022

**Gilts:** Owned by June 1, 2022

**Sheep:** Owned by June 25, 2022

**Dairy Goat Kids:** Owned by June 1, 2022

**Milking Does:** Owned by January 1, 2022

**Meat Goats:** Owned by May 15, 2022

**Rabbits & Poultry:** Owned by June 1, 2022

**NOTE: These are State Fair dates. Individual county ownership dates may be earlier. This is especially true for Henry County. Please see the local fair book for exact county dates.**

**Reminder!**

### Ethics Requirement

Everyone planning to show beef, dairy, goats, sheep and/or swine is required to take the YQCA course yearly. It is found at [yqca.org](http://yqca.org). We will hold an in-person training

in mid to late April in Rock Island. Register your interest in that training at: <https://form.jotform.com/220253798619061>. Those showing cats, dogs, rabbits, poultry and/or horses are required to take QAEC once in their 4-H Career. It can be found at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>.



The state horse judging contest is scheduled for **Feb. 19** at Black Hawk East.

Regional hippology/horse bowl is **April 2** in Galesburg.

State hippology and horse bowl will be

April 23 & 24 in Champaign.

State Fair Junior Horse Show dates are July 24-30. The 24 is move-in day. Shows start on July 25. No shows on Sunday.



### MERCER/ RI STEER WEIGH-IN

**When:** Saturday, February 5; 8-10 a.m.

**Where:** Mercer County Fairgrounds, Aledo

**Who:** Any Mercer or Rock Island youth planning to exhibit a steer at the county or the state fairs.

**Register:** Please let Tracy (Mercer) or McCala (RI) know how many head you'll be bringing and the best contact phone number by February 1.

Tracy: (309) 513-3100/fowlerpe@illinois.edu

McCala: (309) 756-9978/mmmille@illinois.edu

### HENRY/STARK STEER WEIGH-IN

**When:** Saturday, February 5

8-10 a.m. - Stark/Peoria

11(ish) - 12:30 - Henry

**Where:** Iliff Vet 3165 Twp Rd 1500 E - Stark/Peoria  
Henry County Fairgrounds - Henry

**Who:** Any youth planning to exhibit a steer at the county or the state fairs.

**Register:** Please let Jennifer know how many head you'll be bringing by February 1. 309-932-3447 or [jpetersn@illinois.edu](mailto:jpetersn@illinois.edu)

# Club News and Notes



## Calling All Cloverbuds

### Little Roots Gardening Program

Sign-up today to participate in a gardening program just for members age 5-7. Through the little roots program, youth will grow 7 different plants and learn about them through a series of weekly activities. Each participant will receive a kit in mid-April that contains the seeds needed to grow each plant, a workbook, and a gardening calendar to lead you through the activities. You will also receive access to a Facebook group to follow along and meet other participants from around the state.



The cost per kit is \$5. Registration is open now and will close in mid-February. Sign-up at:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24988>

## Public Speaking Contests

We encourage all youth to participate in their county's public speaking contests. It is a great way to improve communication skills, build self-confidence, develop leadership skills, and overcome a fear for many people.

The contest to determine a state fair delegate is restricted to 4-H members age 8-18 as of September 1, 2021. Cloverbuds may participate in a 4-H Pledge Presentation.

Anyone wishing to participate must register for the Public Presentations project in 4-H Online and then register for the contest at the appropriate link below.

**Mercer County:** Contest date is **March 20** at the Mercer County Farm Bureau, 2 p.m.

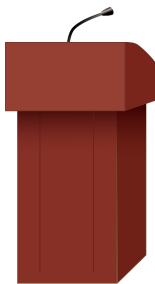
Registration by **March 15** @

<https://form.jotform.com/213185207998163>

**Rock Island:** Contest date is **March 19** at the Milan Extension Office, 9 am. Register by **March 14** @

<https://form.jotform.com/213186164531048>

The State public presentation contest is scheduled for April 30, 2022.



The state fishing contest will be back and bigger this spring. It will run for 3 months with prizes for each month. April will be Crappie May will be Largemouth Bass June will be Channel Catfish In order to be eligible to win prizes, youth must be enrolled

in the Sportfishing project in 4-H Online.

Details will be coming on how to submit your catch in March.

## 4-H Memorial Camp

Camp is returning this summer in Monticello. Registration for enrolled 4-H members will be open from January 24-February 6. It will open to all youth on Feb. 7. Slots always fill quickly, so register early. Cost to attend is \$265 for members and \$305 for non-members. Dates options for camp are:

June 5-9 or June 12-6

July 5-9 or July 17-21

The registration website won't go live until right before Jan. 24.



The next volunteer conversations will be:

Thursday, February 17 at 7pm

Thursday, May 19 at 7 pm

Topics and the registration links will be coming soon.



Every year, in April, 4-H designates a day to focus on service. In 2022, that day will be Saturday, April 23. This is a good day to schedule club or individual service projects.

How can you use your HANDS for larger service?

Start planning now and register your event at:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>



**HENRY, MERCER, ROCK ISLAND, & STARK UNIT**

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Monday – Wednesday – Friday  
8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.



# Scribbles and Scrawl

IAA Foundation Scholarships  
84 Awards totaling \$164,500

Apply Now!

Deadline February 15  
[iaafoundation.org](http://iaafoundation.org)



All information about these scholarships can be found on their website - [iaafoundation.org](http://iaafoundation.org). Most of their scholarships prefer applicants with 4-H experience, who are pursuing degrees related to agriculture and/or come from family farming backgrounds.

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