



Deadlines:

July 1 SF Livestock Entries
Sept 1 Secretary & Treasurer Books
Oct. 15 State Award Apps

Events:

July 6 Mercer Horse Show
July 8-13 Mercer Fair
July 13, 16-20 RI Fair
July 22-29 State Horse Show
August 11 State Fair Day
August 24 State Dog Show
Sept 1 New 4-H Year



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A huge THANK YOU to everyone that helped at the Mercer County 4-H BBQ and Farm in the Park. It takes many hands to make this event successful! We had a great turnout this year, despite the cool weather and the road construction. Every year, this event reminds us how lucky we are to live in such a supportive community.

Fair Booth Contests

This year's theme is "Celebrating Milestones". You may use that theme, a variation on the theme, or make up your own club theme.

The booth judging will take place on the Wednesday of each fair:

Mercer - Wednesday, July 10

Rock Island - Wednesday, July 17

Judging will be sometime after 3 p.m.

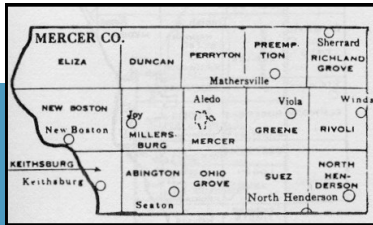
Put your thinking caps on and be creative! We look forward to seeing your designs.



Mercer County 2018 Traveling Trophy winners. Please make arrangements to return your trophies to the Extension Office ASAP!

Reminder

If you entered a general project that you aren't going to exhibit, please let our office know ahead OR find the judge on general project's day and let them know. We don't want judges to waste time waiting for people who aren't coming.



NEWS & notes

Mercer County

Hamlet Handy Helpers Submitted by Barbara Close

The Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H club had a meeting on June 9, 2019 at the Hamlet Hall. Vice president Blake called the meeting to order. The pledges were led by Blake and roll call was taken by Barbara. The secretary and treasurers reports were given and approved. July 7th is set up and clean up at the fairgrounds. The 4-H BBQ is Friday the 14th, and we are in charge of setting up at noon Friday. We are doing the pork chop fundraiser at Mercer Market on September 7th from 10:00-1:00. After the meeting today we are touring the Monson's farm. Ryley did a talk on how to show cattle. Muireann gave a talk on her clay art project. Barbara did a talk on her corn project for the fair. Elise did a talk about feeding goats, and Addison talked about her goat project during the farm tour. The meeting was adjourned.



Mercer Horse Show

The Mercer 4-H Horse & Pony Show will be held on Saturday, July 6 beginning with registration at 8 a.m. The show is held at 4K Arena, 2492 75th Ave. Viola.



Hall of Fame

The Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame will induct the class of 2019 on Tuesday, August 13 at the State Fair. Congratulations to Krystal Jungmann for being Mercer County's inductee.

Krystal is one of the outstanding volunteers for the Mercer County 4-H program. She belongs to a special category of adults who devote significant time to create life changing experiences for youth. Her 4-H volunteer record of service is impressive. Krystal is an Advisor for the Illinois 4-H Foundation/College of ACES Student Advancement Committee. She chaired the Mercer County Extension and 4-H Foundation from 2017 to 2019 and continues to serve on the committee. Krystal also served on the 4-H BBQ Fundraiser Committee. As a member, she held many roles in her 4-H career including 4-H House President and 4-H House Alumni-Selection Committee officer. As a youth, Krystal served on the Henderson County 4-H Federation and was a 10 year member of the Henderson County Bald Bluff Blue Ribbons (holding all offices).

Krystal is a leader in a variety of vital areas of her personal, professional and civic life. She is the busy owner and manager of both Campbell Farms-GKS (Little York, IL) and Sumner Point Beef-Farm to Table Beef Distribution. She has also held administrative positions as a Major Gifts Associate for the Illinois Foundation FFA, Director of the Mercer Foundation for Health, and an active volunteer for the nationally known Farm Progress Show.

She is a community leader who served the United School District in various roles. She also organized and taught a 4-H Robotics Club that has been adapted into part of the Science curriculum. Additionally, she serves as the Co-Chair of the Stewardship Committee for the Aledo United Methodist Church.

She is currently a Kimel 4-H Club leader. Her drive and experience makes her the perfect individual to do the hard work of growing true leaders. Her caring support and mentoring is changing the lives of youth and inspiring our kids to reach their full potential. Mercer County 4-H is lucky to have a leader like Krystal!



NEWS & notes

Rock Island County

Fall Shooting Sports Contests

Registrations for the State Shoots open on July 15.

Age Requirements for the State Shoots:

Participants must be enrolled members of an active 4-H Shooting Sports Club for the 2019-20 year, so it is important youth re-enroll as soon as the new year begins in September.

- Youth may only compete in the discipline for which they have received instruction from a certified 4-H volunteer instructor.
- Minimum Age: Youth must be at least 14 years of age by Jan. 1, 2020 to compete.
- Maximum Age: Youth must be no older than 18 on Sept. 1, 2019 to participate.
- To be selected for the national competition team, youth must not turn 19 before Jan. 1, 2020.

Shoot dates:

- Shotgun will be held September 14 at the Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill
- Archery will be held September 21 at the Pekin Archers in Pekin.
- Rifle & Pistol will be held Oct. 12 -13 at the Central Illinois Precision Shooting (CIPS), Bloomington

Shooting Sports Volunteer Training

The next shooting sports volunteer training will be held on July 20 and 21 at the 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello. Interested volunteers must choose from six concentrations of study: archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol, hunting and outdoor skills or coordinator. The deadline to register is **July 1** and must be done through the local county Extension Office. If you are interested in attending the training, please contact Tracy or Jennifer for the required paperwork.



Hall of Fame

The Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame will induct the class of 2019 on Tuesday, August 13 at the State Fair. Congratulations to Amie Callahan for being selected as Rock Island County's inductee.

Amie is one of the outstanding volunteers for the Rock Island County 4-H program. She is a very busy lady. Amie juggles work as a full time Vocal Accompanist at Moline High School, a private piano instructor, an organist at Bethel Wesley United Methodist Church, and accompanist for Her Song QC Women's Choir.

She volunteers as the Senior State Chaplain of the Illinois Children of the American Revolution. Amie is also the loving and devoted mother of four children: Sarah, Bryn, Matt, and Bailey. In addition to all her family and work duties, Amie is a standout 4-H leader and has led the Magical Muggles 4-H Club for ten years.

If you were to ask Amie, "What makes you continue as a 4-H volunteer and why does it mean so much to you?" She would unquestionably say the youth she works with. She would also share with you the positive impact of being a member of the York Cedar 4-H in Carroll County when she was growing up. She knows firsthand how important 4-H is in building life skills, friendships, and confidence.

Over the last decade Amie's expertise and outstanding leadership have shaped the lives of many 4-H youth in Rock Island County. She has mastered using the Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development to make lifelong friendships with 4-H members that often lasts years beyond their 4-H careers.

Not only does Amie support 4-H by volunteering as a club leader, she supports 4-H at the county level as well. She volunteers her time during National 4-H week delivering cookies to our local state representatives and stakeholders. She also donates her time and know-how to the 4-H Junkdrawer Robotics Club and the Annual 4-H Academy. Rock Island County 4-H is truly fortunate to have such a caring and passionate 4-H leader!



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More Club News

End of Year Awards

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Award Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.



The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.



The deadline for State Award applications is moving up from early January to **October 15**. Be sure to start filling out applications early. This applies to State 4-H awards, Key Award, Legacy of Leadership awards, and the Diamond/Emerald level experience awards. Fillable versions of all the applications can be found at the link above. Be watching for county award deadlines soon.

New at State Fair

Note The new score sheets do **NOT** apply to the **County Fair general projects judging for 2019**.

4-H members selected at their county to exhibit at the state fair will see some changes in the way exhibits are judged and prizes awarded. Judges at the state fair will use a 10-point scale and give members a score for each element of their exhibit:

- Their knowledge about the project
- Their conference presentation of the project
- The presentation of the exhibit

The new scoresheets are all posted online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair. For each EXHIBIT CLASS, a **champion and reserve champion** will be awarded based on points received.

In addition, **INSPIRE AWARDS** will be given at the judges' discretion for work they wish to highlight or acknowledge. Awards will vary in quantity, description, and type between project areas. These awards will not be based solely on scores. Check back soon for more on the new judging and award systems.

New in 2019-2020 4-H Year

Child Development and Sports Nutrition will return as projects with NEW manuals. GIS will no longer be offered.

You Decide the Theme

We want your help in creating the 2019 National 4-H Week Theme! Submit your ideas for a theme to illinois4H@illinois.edu by July 15. The winner will receive 4-H prizes for themselves and their club! We hope that the theme includes the word or the concept of "inspire" so we can be similar to the national theme, but we will take all suggestions under consideration.





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Around the State

Celebrating Volunteers @ State Fair

If you are a volunteer leader, be sure to stop by the volunteer booth at the Illinois State Fair General Project Show to receive your special gift.

**TELL
YOUR
STORY**  **WIN
\$50**

Do you have a 4-H story to tell? Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours.

Everyone has a 4-H story.

Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Here is everything you need to know.

- Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.
- Your video should relate to one of these topics:
 1. Through 4-H, I've been able to ...
 2. In my 4-H project, I've learned
 3. 4-H has taught me to care about my community.
 4. 4-H has helped me feel welcomed by
 5. I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by
 6. Here's how 4-H has prepared me for my future career.
- Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, I Thanks for helping me grow!"
- Send the video file to us at illinois4H@illinois.edu or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.
- Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.
- A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.
- It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.
- Videos will be accepted through August 1. Winners will be announced at the Illinois State Fair.
- Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.

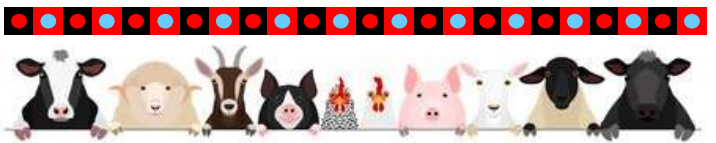
Questions? Email Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu.

All Fair Updates

All youth exhibiting at the county and/or State Fair must have their risk form on file. **The State Fair will check.** These forms must be turned in to the Extension office so we can mark it received in 4-H Online.

State Fair Tickets:

- We are no longer allowed to sell parking passes.
- All parking passes must be ordered through livestock entry forms or by finding a parking lot when you arrive at the grounds.
- We will order admission passes for general project exhibitors.
- Admission ticket orders are due by **July 8**.
- Kids under 13 still get in for free.



Superior Young Producer

The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horses. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses, and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest: Horse: July 24, Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7, Dairy: August 17. The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.

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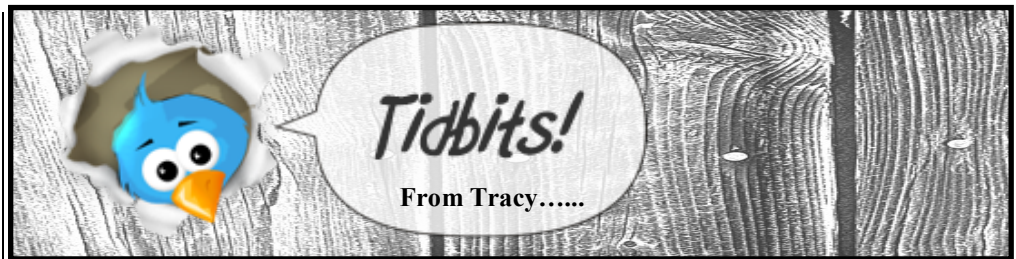
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Happy Summer!

It's here! The long days of summer. That means it is also time for the 4-H fairs. It is time to show off all your hard work! Please review the 4-H fair books so you are familiar with the rules and requirements of exhibiting at the fair.

If you do not receive your project tags prior to the General Project show, you may pick them up at the information table. After having your projects judged, don't forget to put the project in your club's fair booth.

It is going to be a great year at the fair! We can't wait to see your exhibits and watch your showmanship skills.

***Please note that Tracy is on vacation from June 18 through June 28. Please don't panic! All your questions will be addressed as soon as she returns. If it is an emergency, please call the office.*

*Warmest regards,
Tracy & Jennifer*



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