



JUNE 2019

MERCER & ROCK ISLAND

Deadlines:

June 1 Fair Entry

June 1 State Fair Horse Entries

July 1 SF Livestock Entries

Sept 1 Secretary & Treasurer
Books

Events:

June 8 State Public
Presentations Contest

June 14 Mercer BBQ

July 6 Mercer Horse Show

July 8-13 Mercer Fair

July 13, 16-20 RI Fair

July 22-29 State Horse Show

August 24 State Dog Show



Congratulations

Congratulations to the winners of the 2019 Mercer County 4-H Memorial Scholarships for higher education.

The winners are pictured from left to right: Gwen Fowler, Tori Speer, and Allie Lloyd. Pictured below is Vanessa Bucher.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

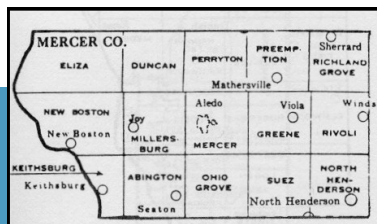
- ALL fair entries must be placed via faireentry.com by **June 1**.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Your 4-H Online log-in information is required to log-in to fair entry.
- If you need instructions for registering, contact the Extension Office.
- Do NOT submit entries until you've entered for every member of your family. The website will lock you out after every submission.
- Remember, you can only enter 1 level of a project.
- Only enter projects in which you are enrolled.

Congratulations to Desiree Reid for placing 2nd in the Senior Reasons Division of the State Horse

Judging Contest on April 27.



She also placed 7th overall in 2019 Illinois 4-H State Senior Hippology Contest held April 13 at the University of Illinois. Great job Desiree!



NEWS & notes

Mercer County

Sherrard 4-H Minutes Submitted by Barb Wiedenmann

In March, we did Acrylic pour painting. Emily demonstrated and lead this painting. Excellent job! Jeff Wiedenmann cut board pieces out. Thank you! We had 2 new students attend our meeting. We discussed our financial balance, BBQ on 6/14, Soup supper, Project final selection deadline.



In April, we did Acrylic pour painting. A repeat since everyone enjoyed it last month. This month we painted coasters. Jeff Wiedenmann cut boards and coaster size boards for us to paint. Thank you. We discussed making pies as a group on 6/13 for BBQ on 6/14. We will make peach and apple. Discussed fair projects and removing projects not doing for fair by 5/1. Horse papers due 5/1.

Took everyone's picture and had them write up their 4-H statements. Discussed Livestock ethics course. List is from 2016 on. Perkins and Hayes will check with office due to not being on the list. A great time was had by all, again. Rosie, Emily and Andrew are graduating HS this May.

Mercer County 4-H BBQ

The Mercer County 4-H BBQ will be Friday, June 14, at the Aledo Fire Station from 4—7 p.m. In conjunction with the BBQ, there will be Farm in the Park 3:00—6:30 p.m. sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension, Mercer County Farm Bureau and Mercer County Soil and Water. There will be hands on activities, including a petting zoo; and the movie Christopher Robin sponsored by Huffman's Farm & Home store. If you can't help at the BBQ or Farm in the Park, please talk to your leader about other possible community service events you can help with.

Alexis All-Stars Report Submitted by Tyler Barrington

The Alexis All-Stars met on Sunday, April 28th, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. at the Alexis Community Center. Eryka Keeney called the meeting to order. Emma Robinson led us in pledges. Eryka Keeney took roll call. There were 15 members and two leaders present. Minutes were read and approved by Ellie Robinson. Dylan Cheline reported that our club has a balance of \$466.97. We discussed the 4-H Barbecue on June 14th. Eryka is making cookies. Bernhardt, Shikes, Jayne, and Julie will bring two pies each. A motion was approved to donate \$50 to the Alexis Community Center for allowing us to host our meetings there. We brought hats and pictures to put in our 4-H booth. The theme is "Hats off to 4-H." Attie Bernhardt gave a talk on art. Reagan Shike gave a talk on sugar. Davin Shike gave a talk on Junk Drawer Robotics. Rachel Shike gave a talk on how to plant flowers. Our next meeting is June 2nd at 6:00 P.M. at the Alexis Community Center. Skutt and Ryner will serve refreshments. Ellie Robinson, Emma Robinson and Temperance Skutt will give talks in June. Dylan moved to adjourn the meeting and Blake seconded the motion to adjourn.

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.



2019 Phyllis Nelson Memorial Livestock Scholarship

The Mercer County Youth Livestock Auction Committee will be awarding a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to a High School Senior or Freshman in college. The student must be a current Mercer County 4-H Member and must be a livestock exhibitor. Completed applications are due by June 15, 2019 to Katie Laleman, 16754 E 1600 Street, Geneseo, IL 61254 or by email keboruff@hotmail.com. To request an application contact Katie at (309) 337-1348 or email keboruff@hotmail.com. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the 2019 Mercer County Youth Livestock Auction on Friday, July 12.



NEWS & notes

Rock Island County

Rural Go Getters Report Submitted by: Wyatt Viager

We started off with our regular meeting. Emma Steiger gave a talk about her dog and different leashes. Megan talked about her bow that she uses for shooting sports, different kinds of bows and how you shoot them. We also got good ideas for the fair booth.

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 for the required paperwork.

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>.



YLT
Illinois State 4-H
Youth Leadership Team

We're Looking for New Members!

- **Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2019.
- **Length of service:** Two years. New Team members selected this summer will serve from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.
- **Apply online:** go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the application at the bottom of the page under "Resources."
- **Deadline:** June 7 (for interviews during Illini Summer Academies); July 19 (for interviews during State Fair).

The State Youth Leadership Team plans the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists at statewide events. Team members may serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee.



NEWS & notes

More Club News

You're Invited

Mercer County Federation

The Mercer County Federation will be meeting on Monday, June 3 at 6 p.m. for a summer kick-off extravaganza.

The meeting will be at 552 270th Street Alexis, IL. There will be a cook-out and the opportunity to play disc golf.

If you are interested in joining Federation, feel free to attend this meeting to get more information.

Please contact Tracy at the Mercer County office with questions.

Alexis All Stars Reports Submitted by: Tyler Barrington

The Alexis All-Stars met on February 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM. No meeting was held in December or January. The meeting was held at the Alexis Community Center. Evan Wynne called the meeting to order in the absence of our president. Hunter Austin led the pledges. Nine members and two leaders were present. In old business, we discussed re-enrollment and the United North Elementary Christmas bags for the "Blessings in a Backpack" students. In new business, we discussed someone entering the Fair book cover contest. Tyler Barrington gave the 4-H Federation report. We discussed what soup we would make for the Soup Cook Off. We decided we would make Bacon Potato Cheese Soup. Emma Austin gave a talk on how to wash chickens. Evan gave a talk about Hampshire pigs. Hunter Austin gave a talk on how to take care of chickens in the winter. Austins served refreshments. The Alexis All-Stars next meeting will be Sunday March 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Alexis Community Center. Eryka Keeney is scheduled to serve.

The Alexis All – Stars met on March 17, 2019 for their regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was held at the Alexis Community Center at 6 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Eryka Keeney. Pledges were led by Dylan Cheline. Roll call was read by Eryka Keeney. Thirteen members and two leaders were present. Secretary's minutes were read and approved by Eryka Keeney. The treasurer's report was read by Dylan Cheline. We have a current balance of \$486.97. Tyler Barrington read the 4-H Federation Report. In old business, we discussed the 4-H Soup Supper and our club soup. In new business, we read the members' projects and asked if anything needed to be added or dropped. We discussed possible Fair Booth ideas. We decided to do "Hats off to 4-H". Members need to bring a 5x7 picture and a hat to the next meeting. Two talks were given. Ella Bernhardt gave a talk on her wood working project. She made a wooden picture frame. Dylan Cheline gave a talk on ringworm in cattle. Refreshments were served by Robinsons. Next meeting Rachel Shike and Attie Bernhardt are scheduled to give talks. Shikes are serving refreshments at the next meeting. Our next meeting will be April 28th, 2019 at 6pm at the Alexis Community Center.



4-H
TECH CHANGEMAKERS

#TechChangemakers



DIGITAL AMBASSADORS

Are you interested in helping adults learn to use technology more effectively? If so, you would make a great digital ambassador. Join us for a training on June 17 to find out more.

Date: Monday, June 17

Time: Noon -2 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

Location: Milan Extension Office
(321 W 2nd Ave. Milan)



Around the State

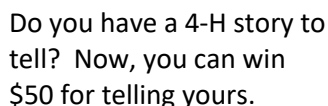
Celebrating Volunteers @ State Fair

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.

4-H STORYTELLERS

Be authentic | Share truth | Build connections

In July, 4-H members will be invited to become a 4-H Storyteller. In the fall, 20 youth selected from the applicants will be trained by some of Illinois' finest storytellers. The stories may take the form of written word: blogs, poetry, letters. They may take the form of art: photography, art, comics. They may take the form of sound: video, song, podcast. 4-H Storytellers will tell their personal stories, and in doing so, we will see 4-H in action in their lives. Look for more in the July newsletter. This opportunity is open to youth who will be in grades 8 to 11 this fall.



Your story must be told via video. Videos must be no longer than 90 seconds and should relate to one of the following 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
6. Here's how 4-H prepared me for my future career.

Every video needs to include your first name, county and 4-H club name. They all must end with “Because of 4-H, I _____. Thanks for helping me grow!”

Send video files to illinois4H@illinois.edu or post to Youtube and share the link via email.

For more details contact Judy Bingman at illinois4H@illinois.edu

Cream of the Crop Photo Entries



State Treasurer Michael Frerichs invites youth from across the state, ages 8-18, to submit their most innovative, scenic snapshot that depicts their vision of agriculture in our state. The contest winners will be featured on the new marketing materials for the Ag Invest program. Learn more at:

https://illinoistreasurer.gov/Businesses/Ag_Invest/Cream_of_the_Crop_Photo_Contest.

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. GSI will no longer be offered.



NEWS & notes

Livestock Edition

Show Cattle Fitting Clinic



River Valley Cooperative and Purina are putting on a live show cattle fitting demonstration on June 23, 2019



from 12:30-2:00 at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in Davenport. Lunch will be provided.

The demonstration will be done by Tracy Coffland, Master Professor for the Sullivan Supply Stockshow University.

There is no cost to attend, but you must RSVP to Shawna Lorenzen by June 15 at 563-320-7276.

REMINDER

The deadline to enter the Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show is **July 1**. The show is open to current Illinois 4-H and FFA members. 4-H membership is 8 to 18, thus youth who were 19 and older on Sept. 1, 2018 and too old for 4-H can only enter as FFA alumni. Your entry forms **MUST** be signed by either the county 4-H office where you are a member or by your local FFA instructor who must verify your membership.

There will be signed entry forms available to pick-up during the Henry County Fair. Stop by the 4-H Office on the fairgrounds to get a form.

IL 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

Date: June 17

Location: U of I Stock Pavilion, 1402 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Urbana, IL

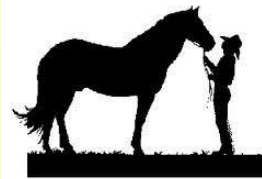
Time: 8:30 –9:30 a.m. Registration, Contest at 10 a.m.

Cost: \$10 for seniors to cover cost of lunch.

Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior or two senior teams. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions.

Get all the rules and details online@ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock

Upcoming Horse Shows



4-H & FFA Shows:

Dates - Sunday, June 9 and Sunday, July 7

Location - Black Hawk East Arena

(26230 Black Hawk Rd. Galva, IL 61434)

Time - 8:00 a.m. Registration; 9:00 a.m. Show

Cost - \$3 per class OR \$15 all day per horse

Required - horse ownership/lease papers. Risk Form, negative Coggins

Contact - For a full show bill or questions contact the Galva Extension office at (309) 932-3447.

Western Illinois 4-H Horse Show:

Date - Sunday, June 23; Rain Date is June 29

Location - Galesburg Boots and Saddle Club

Across from Carl Sandburg College

Time - 8:00 a.m. Registration; 9:00 a.m. Show

Cost - \$3 per class OR \$10 all day

Register - Online at go.illinois.edu/HorseShow

Contact - McCala Miller at (309) 734-5161



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. 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. 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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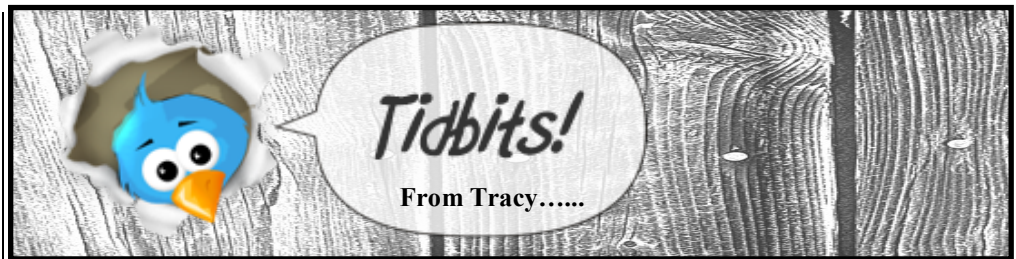
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Welcome to fair season!

Congratulations, again, to all the recent high school graduates! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors, and we thank you for a great 4-H career.

It is hard to believe that it is already time for fairs. All fair entries are due June 1. We will allow a one week grace period for you to make changes or add fair entries. To make changes or add entries, you will need to contact the Extension office. After June 7, no changes or additions will be allowed.

Please do tell us if you are NOT bringing a general project. We need to remove your name from the judges sheet so they know not to wait for you.

We look forward to seeing you all this summer, and seeing all the great projects exhibited.

*Warmest regards,
Tracy & Jennifer*



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